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Gilead to vote on leaner budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gilead residents will see a significant drop in the town's municipal appropriation if they approve all the warrant articles at Saturday's Town Meeting.

This year's proposal is \$168,074, compared to 2015's \$192,574, according to the town report.

Absent from the 2016 budget is \$20,000 raised last year for road maintenance and \$10,000 for equipment repair, as well as \$23,000 raised separately at a special Town Meeting for a fire truck, said Town Clerk Lin Chapman.

This year an additional \$5,000 is proposed to cover the town's share of Social Security and Medicare, Chapman said. "We were working off a surplus in that account," she said, and no money was raised last year for it.

Another \$500 is proposed for the Cemetery Fund this year, which would bring that total to \$2,000.

Among larger town accounts, money proposed for the Fire Department (\$28,000), insurance (\$26,000), office salaries (\$26,500), Public Ways and Bridges (\$15,000) and Transfer Station Operation (\$21,000) remains steady.

In municipal elections, seats held by Selectman Steve McLain and School Director Ann Choquette are up for re-election.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Woodstock to weigh property purchases

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock residents will gather Monday, March 28 for their annual Town Meeting to consider a municipal budget of \$1,698,009.

Although the town's 2016 Capital Improvement spending proposal is \$127,000 higher than last year's figure of \$110,000, the recommended use of funds from several revenue accounts means the increase in the amount to be raised from taxes would be held to about \$17,000.

New proposed capital expenditures include a property purchase for a new boat landing on North Pond (\$90,000); new fire truck payment (\$30,000); new plow truck (\$67,000);

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CONFUSED, LIKE ALL OF US-For the past two weeks Ruthie Grover, owner of Ruthie's on Main Street in Bethel, has been putting her potted flowers in and out of the store, depending on the variable weather. On Monday the cheerful blooms braved the snow. A. Aloisio

BETHEL REC DEPARTMENT 2016 T-Ball, Baseball & Softball Registration

1 child = \$25 ~ Family (2 or more) = \$35
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www.bethelmaine.org

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A skills assessment will be held at Telstar Gym for all players 7-12. Players should bring their glove.

*Players that have completed one year of T-ball should also attend.

Softball Assessments

Monday, March 28:

Ages 7-9: 5:30-6:30 ~ Ages 10-12 6:45-7:45

Baseball Assessments

Tuesday, March 29:

Ages 7-9: 5:30-6:30 ~ Ages 10-12 6:45-7:45



Slow but smooth



One-way, alternating traffic on the Route 2 bridge over the Androscoggin River in Bethel started last week. It is expected to continue for six months as contractor Wyman & Simpson Inc. does major improvement work on the span. Here, eastbound traffic crosses the bridge on Monday morning under the direction of flaggers. Later in the project an automated traffic light is expected to control the flow of vehicles. A. Aloisio

Andover narrowly elects Hutchins as selectman; dashes through Town Meeting

By MARIANNE HUTCHINSON;
STAFF

Andover residents elected Sharon Hutchins selectman Tuesday by a close vote of 64-61 over Lucien (Leo) Camire, according to Town Clerk Melinda Averill.

There were two ballot left blank for the selectman vote, she said.

Hutchins will replace the retiring Keith Farrington. Incumbent school directors Lindsay Sharkey and Linda Putnam were re-elected unopposed.

TOWN MEETING

At Saturday's annual Town Meeting, residents voted to change to a two-bill tax cycle after a lengthy discussion.

But it was one of the few time-consuming articles, as townspeople got through the warrant in

what some said was record time - only half a day.

Selectman Jim Adler told residents that under the tax bill proposal, instead of getting one bill they would receive two smaller ones.

He said taxes are increasing because the town now runs the Andover school, since it left SAD 44.

"I think we're all feeling the crunch," he said. "Another thing is [that] we're having a hard time with cash flow because of the school budget; we're paying out more each month and we're not seeing that payment coming in until maybe the end of the year."

Resident Sid Pew said he thought a more appropriate route would be to

change the fiscal year to coincide with state government and the school system, instead of sending out separate tax bills. Pew also asked what the purpose was of residents getting two bills.

"We felt this was less impact to the town," Adler said.

The town needs help, he said, and having two bills would aid with cash flow and be less complicated than changing the fiscal year.

Selectman Jane Rich said that selectmen were only thinking of two things: "convenience for people and cash flow."

Adler said he had spoken to an attorney about the tax bill plan.

"It is two bills; if you don't pay the first one you're going to get interest

incurred. And, this is not [just] to talk about it this, [but] to implement this, so you guys can have this ready for this year."

Following more discussion Adler once again stated the town needed help from the residents, saying "If you help us it's going to make everything a lot easier."

The article was eventually passed.

OTHER APPROVALS

Among other articles approved were: establishing a committee to research a possible alternative form of government for the town (such as adding a town manager or administrative assistant); raising/appropriating \$2,500 to try to gain legal access to the Cemetery Trust Account;

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Barn blends weddings and history

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Samuel Twitchell barn in Mayville has played several roles in its 128-year history.

There was, of course, the original purpose of sheltering hay, equipment and animals. Built in 1888, the New England-style barn (with the main entrance on the gable end) replaced an older structure that had burned.

Around 1950 Dana and Barbara Douglass bought the property, and according to some local residents

they occasionally offered the barn to host dances for local organizations.

In the early 2000s it was purchased by Tom and Marcey White, who converted to a studio for Tom's well-known sculpting business.

Then, in 2013, the barn was bought by Paul LeGault, who owns the Gourmet in a Pinch food store and catering business just up the street. He has converted the barn into the 1888 Wedding Barn, and it now hosts

brides and grooms as they take their vows and celebrate the beginning of their lives together.

As LeGault began work on the barn, he said one local resident recalled the Douglass dances and commented, "The barn is going to dance again."

LeGault said he has tried to adapt the barn for that purpose with an eye to history. Although such improvements as a commercial kitchen on the second floor on the road side would not meet the strin-

gent requirements to qualify for the National Register of Historic Places, he said, he has preserved and exposed many of the basic features of the barn.

The barn board floors on the upper levels were removed to reveal the barn's structure up to the roof, opening up the space and providing very good acoustics for music, LeGault said.

He did most of the work himself.

"I stripped the floors down to the major post and beams," he said.

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Weekend Happy Hour, 4 - 6pm: \$2 drafts & 1/2 price appetizers

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Letters

ELECTION PROBLEMS, ROOT CAUSES

To the Editor:

American democracy depends on our ability to elect the people WE want to represent our interests first, before those of BIG\$\$ special interests. Until we can, our future is truly not in our hands. But when we do achieve that, we will again be able to exclude those who enter politics for the wrong reasons. We can then truly solve the plague of problems caused by corporate and special interest corruption in our government.

That concept is now being ridiculed as a "Single Issue Campaign." It is not. Rather, it is a focused attack on the Root Cause for many of our biggest problems. In doing so, we solve the many symptoms of the Root Cause problem. Thoreau once said: "For the thousands hacking at the branches, there may be one working at the root." So far, Mr. Sanders is the only candidate who realizes that and he's been working at it for over 30 years. We citizens must join him in Common Cause to take back our democracy and work harder at it than ever before.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

CLIMATE CHANGE OUR FAULT?

To the Editor:

The Feb. 23 Sun Journal has an intriguing article about Antarctica's melting ice pack. This article claims that between 23 and 14 million years ago atmospheric CO2 concentrations were believed to be about 500 parts per million or higher, some 20 percent HIGHER than the 400 ppm today.

I don't believe humans living that long ago were burning all that much carbon generating fuel, so where did all that carbon come from? Was it volcanoes or some other phenomenon? Either way, I don't believe anything humans are doing now is going to affect the global temperature to any extent comparable to natural occurring variations in CO2 levels or other celestial or extraterrestrial events such as variations in the earth's orbit around the sun or things like asteroid collisions.

All this hype about climate change and its threat to our environment is so much rubbish! Climate change has been occurring ever since the creation of the earth, and we are not going to materially change that.

Richard Grover
Mason

From the Bethel Town Manager

By Christine M. Landes

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

Last week, the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting to review the proposed FY17 budget. Items that generated the most discussion included: the purchase of a new ambulance, road projects, proposed pay increases for emergency personnel, the Ethel Bisbee school, purchasing a handheld GIS data collection device for use by Planning, Public Works, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, programs being offered by the Recreation Department, and transferring all of the cable franchise fees to Channel 11. Each budget category was recommended for approval at town meeting. If you have any questions about the budget please do not hesitate to contact the town office.

The Route 2 bridge re-decking project should be in full swing by the time you read this article. The contractor and the state have been very informative with the events happening at the site. When approaching the construction site, please be very aware of the traffic situation. There could be a chance that emergency vehicles are looking to cross on a red light or other vehicles are looking to exit the businesses in the vicinity. Be patient and safe.

Some of you may have heard of the AARP project occurring in our region. It is my understanding that not only has Bethel committed to this, Newry, Greenwood and Woodstock has also. Currently the group is working on a survey to assess transportation needs. I would expect you will see it very soon in your mailbox. If you have any specific needs, questions or concerns regarding AARP or Aging in Place, please reach out to Jackie or Al Cressey.

This past Monday, nominations papers became available at the Town Office. Open positions include: two seats each on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors and School Board. Please see Christen Mason, our Town Clerk for filing deadlines, required number of signatures and any other information surrounding the election in June.

Please remember if there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

JOIN THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Editor:

Are you interested in supporting the town's efforts to enhance our environs, to keep track of the health of Bethel's street trees, or to keep the public aware of conservation issues? Then please consider becoming a member of the Bethel Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission has a busy year ahead, but needs a new member so that we can carry out our usual responsibilities, as well as take on a major new project. We have received a grant from Project Canopy to conduct a street tree inventory that will help us track the status of the trees that contribute to the beauty of the village and help us plan for future planting.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the Town Office. If you would like more information about what we do, contact Jessie Seymour-Perkins at 824-2282 or jessiesperkins@gmail.com. You can pick up an application form from the Town Office.

Thank you for considering serving your community in this way.

For the Bethel Conservation Commission
Jackie Cressy, Secretary

THE AMERICAN WAY

To the Editor:

The Republican argument against Donald Trump is getting very tiresome. I read a post on the Internet the other day that asked the question, "Wouldn't it have been nice if Republicans worked as hard against Obama as they are against Trump?" That, to me, is a very valid question. To any of you who have followed my posts, it's no secret that I didn't and continue not to support President Obama. I don't care for the way he has governed for what will be the last eight years. That having been said, he was elected by the American people. I doubt that there are any of you out there that would disagree with the notion that Congress can't get anything done. Why is that? Could it be that neither side will talk to the other? Could it be that the "establishment" on both sides simply has forgotten the country in favor of their own political ideology? Donald Trump has said that it is his belief that the way you get something done, is to get the two sides together, lock them in a room and don't let them out until they've come to an agreement.

I remember that President Reagan and Tip O'Neill, two who could not be further apart ideologically, managed to get some governing done. And they got it done in fine shape. To my Republican counterparts, have you not asked yourself the question as to why the "establishment Republicans" are so dead set against Donald Trump? Are there many of you out there who are satisfied with the job the Republicans have been doing in spite of controlling both houses? The Republican primaries and caucuses are showing, without a doubt up to now, that they want Donald Trump to be the nominee. Is it possible that the Republicans have lost sight of "Of, for and by the people?"

Don't let this letter cause you to assume that I'm a Trump supporter. What I am, is a non-supporter of Clinton or Sanders. Have we Republicans become Prairie Dogs and decided to eat our young? The efforts by the sitting Republicans is, at best, unseemly but at worst, self-destructive. There is no question that the Democrats will vote against us...do we really want to vote against ourselves? Unite and vote for the candidate the party's people choose. Not the people sitting in Washington or their choice. The choice is ours. Don't complain about the Democrats. They believe what they believe and that is their right. If you want the right to complain about the government after November...get out and vote...otherwise...be quiet.

Harry Faulkner
Bethel

OUR FAILED PRESIDENT

To the Editor:

According to the U.S. Treasury in seven years President Obama reduced the deficit by 72 percent. On his first day in office he froze White House salaries. He banned gifts from lobbyists to anyone in the Executive Branch.

By the end of his first year, the economy created and sustained 2.1 million jobs and was stimulated by 3.5 percent. In 2010, more jobs were created than had been created during Bush's eight years. He pushed through and implemented an auto industry rescue plan that saved as many as one million jobs and possibly the entire auto industry.

As of January 2016, while battling Republican obstruction at every turn, he had still resided over a record 64 consecutive months of overall job growth. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act he cut taxes for 95 percent of America's working families. Tax rates for average working families are the lowest since 1950.

He put an end to the evil and possibly illegal Bush-era stop-loss policy that kept soldiers in Iraq/Afghanistan beyond their enlistment date. He signed and implemented the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act, making more money available to enable better medical care for veterans. He initiated and signed a recruitment and employment plan to get more veterans into government jobs. He ended one war, nearly ended another, and kept Americans from dying in Syria through shrewd diplomacy. He ended Don't Ask Don't Tell and raised troop pay for the first time in decades. No Republican in the past 40 years has done as much for our economy or our troops (except for offering them opportunities to travel to exotic locales).

I could go on all day.

Chandler McGrew
Bethel

Lepage turns tourism awards lunch at Sunday River into political speech

By Lindsay Tice, Sun Media

Gov. Paul LePage used a state tourism conference's typically light-and-happy awards ceremony as a political platform in Newry Tuesday, calling for everyone in the room to pass the word that current ballot initiatives — including raising the minimum wage — will have a catastrophic effect on the state.

"(Tourism is) a great industry; it's a fun industry, but it's being attacked," he said. "It's being attacked by people that don't like Maine. I hate to call them Bernie Sanders supporters, but ..." He trailed off before commenting on the American Dream and how "nowadays, earning money's a bad thing."

About 400 people attended the awards ceremony and luncheon at the Maine Governor's Conference on Tourism at Sunday River in Newry. The governor's speech was largely met with silence, interspersed at times with nervous laughter and, at the end, polite applause.

During his 18-minute noontime speech, LePage repeatedly lamented negative perceptions of high-earners.

"I never thought I would live in a state where earning a decent living is a bad thing," he said.

Immediately after, he railed against a November ballot initiative that asks voters to pay workers more.

The initiative, backed by the Maine People's Alliance and labor unions, seeks to raise the minimum wage in Maine to \$12 an hour by 2020. LePage said raising the minimum wage will cost too much and will hurt businesses, tourism, Mainers on fixed incomes, in-home nursing and young people.

"This is scary stuff," he said. He called raising the minimum wage "a

scam on the Maine people," saying Maine unions want to see an increase because their workers' contracted salaries are tied to minimum wage levels.

"This is to get more money out of your pocket and give it to those who are not willing to keep their nose clean, work hard and achieve," he said. "They just want to sit back and ... get more and more of your money."

He also railed against the high cost but poor results of public education in Maine, high taxes that send Mainers fleeing to Florida, high energy costs, the Maine People's Alliance, and that too few Mainers can afford to buy land on the coast or in other coveted areas.

LePage told the crowd he has lived the American Dream.

"I know what it is to be on the streets of Lewiston, Maine, with no place to go, not knowing if it's going to be a cold night or a warm night," he said. "I know what it is to buy five cans of cat food because a can of tuna is 59 cents and five cans of cat food are a dollar. That's five meals. And then we sit here and we have people who succeed and get out of the poverty and then we have people that are trying to drive us back in because they don't want us to succeed."

He urged audience members to pass on his message.

"Each and every one of you needs to tell 10 people and ask those 10 people to tell 10 people," he said.

LePage acknowledged that his speech was unusual for the annual tourism awards ceremony and luncheon.

"I know you think that, well, this is a happy occasion," he said, adding, "You have to listen to a little bit of reality about where we're headed."

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Three-year-old Shelby Thorman donated 10 inches of blond, curly hair from her first haircut to Locks of Love.

Births: Landon Komulainen, Jayden Mae Langelier, Gracie Lynn Wakefield, Alexis Ann Hart, Paris Madison MacIsaac, Brandon Michael Waltman, Jr., Shana Ann-Marie LaBay, Benjamin William Davis, Logan Matthew Masse, Alex Lawrence McAllister.

Deaths: Corey Alan Dan, Earl S. McAllister.

20 years ago: An early morning fire caused extensive damage to Bennett's Upholstery on Mechanic Street.

Births: David Hugh Gould, Shintaro Norman Clanton, Amy Marie Baker, Mattie Patricia Seamans, David James Milligan.

Deaths: Marion M. Dupont, Marilyn A. D'Lizarraga, Eryll L. Curtis, Jr.

30 years ago: Alec Newell attended the YMCA Model State Legislature held in Augusta.

In an effort to improve service and quality of care, the Bethel Area Health Center was conducting a patient survey.

Birth: Kathryn Elizabeth Eames, Randi Marie Dennis, Kristen Gayle Dolloff, Adam Clark Cummings.

Death: Mrs. Estella K. Martin.

40 years ago: The Bethel Cadette Girl Scouts were raising money for a summer bicentennial trip to Concord, Lexington, and Boston.

Deaths: Mrs. Alice B. Tripp, Mrs. Eva C. Johnston, Henry A. Trimback.

50 years ago: Good to excellent spring skiing was being reported at Sunday River Skiway.

Attending the New England Lumberman's Convention in Boston were Richard L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Chadbourne, and Ted Chadbourne.

Birth: Deborah Ann Hadley.

Deaths: Mrs. Anna P. Immonen, Kusti A. Maki, Mrs. Ellie M. Komulainen.

60 years ago: Stanley Davis was tearing down the Chamberlin building on Main Street, and was selling used doors, windows and building materials from it.

The Bluebird dance pavilion in Woodstock owned by Anthony Caruso was burned. The loss, estimated at \$7,500, was reported to be insured.

70 years ago: George Merrill was severely injured when struck in the face by a wrecking bar. He lost the sight in one eye.

The Grafton Lumber Co. of Lisbon, N.H., started work on a saw mill and other buildings on the Locke Mills road.

80 years ago: Snow Falls Inn, owned by Harvey Bragdon, was burned. The loss was estimated at \$10,000. The main building contained 13 rooms. It was built in 1849.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Chase Herrick, Mrs. Bertha Ellen Bennett.

90 years ago: An exhibition of old-time dances was given by children on St. Patrick's Day eve at the Bethel Grange Hall. Mrs. Clifford Merrill was the instructor and Lord's Orchestra furnished music. Hugh Thurston was prompter. The performance was repeated at Odeon Hall.

S.B. Newton was preparing to build a dance hall at East Bethel.

Death: P.W. Learned.

100 years ago: Mr. J.A. Thurston and son, Paul, attended the automobile show held in Boston, and Mr. Thurston purchased a fine Oldsmobile.

The Gould's Academy basketball team defeated the Bates '09 team by a score of 30 to 18.

Deaths: Mr. I.W. Ames, Capt. Ephraim McKeen.

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selling the former East Andover Fire Station property; raising/appropriating \$10,000 for the property revaluation account; and charging customers a fee for the purchase of four corner stones at the time they buy a cemetery lot.

The total to be raised from taxes for municipal expenses is \$661,679, up from last year's \$614,510, town officials said.



Andover voters listened to discussion on changing the town's tax billing format from one bill a year to two. The proposal was approved and the meeting concluded before lunch, for the first time in many residents' memories. Aloisia

Woodstock

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and the purchase of the old MDOT garage on Route 232 for PACE ambulance and storage (\$85,000).

Other significant new money items include a proposed \$40,000 to be raised toward a joint property revaluation with Greenwood. The total cost for Woodstock is estimated at \$80,000, with the balance to be raised next year.

Earlier this year Town Manager Vern Maxfield

applied for an \$80,000 state/federal grant for the reval, but he found out last week the funds for the grant had been eliminated.

Also proposed is a new library roof and town office boiler (\$24,000).

Voters will also decide whether to raise \$2,000 to repair the engine of the Fire Department's 1948 pumper truck. It would be used for parades and other

similar events. The truck was the first truck purchased new for the WFD and it has sentimental value for retired firefighters and other older residents. If residents do not wish to keep the truck, another warrant article asks if it should be sold by sealed bid.

REVENUE

Proposed revenues to be put toward some of the expenditures include \$50,000

from the Land Conservation Account and \$20,000 from the Subdivisions Fund for the boat ramp; \$38,000 from the sale of a woodlot and \$40,000 from the Spruce Mountain Tangible Benefit Account toward the MDOT garage; \$87,000 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account; and \$30,000 from the Fire Department Reserve Account.

Adding in funds from

other revenue accounts, a total of \$642,832 - \$300,000 more than last year - would be used to reduce the tax commitment.

The estimated amount to be raised from taxes would be \$2,458,143 (including a school share estimate of \$1.2 million and county tax of \$164,382).

If all money articles pass, the current mill rate of 12.87 is projected to remain the same, Maxfield

said.

ELECTIONS

In elections for town officials, Selectman Ron Deegan, School Director Julie Davis and Library Trustees Marta Clement and Jane Mills are running unopposed, according to Maxfield.

Monday's meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Briefly

Please lock car doors at night

BETHEL-In response to an increase over the past year in the number of thefts from vehicles in Bethel, Oxford County Sheriff's Deputy Derek MacDonald is urging drivers to lock their cars at night. He said during the past year the thefts have mostly included cash, coins and credit cards, and locking the vehicles should be a deterrent.

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HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 24 - 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 25 - 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 26 - 7:30 PM

St. Athanasius and St. John's Church
126 Maine Avenue, Rumford

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES - MARCH 27

9:00 AM at Our Lady of the Snows

265 Walkers Mills Rd (Rte 26), Bethel

9:30 AM at St. Athanasius & St. John's

126 Maine Avenue, Rumford

Bethel Alliance Church

Good Friday Service

March 25 - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service

March 27 - 6:15 am
(78 Highland Ave.)

Easter Breakfast

March 27 - 8:30 am

Easter Worship Service

March 27 - 10:00 am

251 Walker's Mills Road, Bethel
Contact us: 207-824-2289

Pleasant Valley Bible Church

Good Friday Service

March 25th - 7 pm

Easter Morning - March 27

Breakfast beginning at 8:30 am

Worship Services at 10:00 am

407 Flat Road, West Bethel
FMI 836-3006

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday Service - March 24
7 pm at St. Barnabas

Good Friday Service - March 25

7 pm at the "Green Church" in Mexico

Easter Holy Eucharist - March 27

9:30 am at St. Barnabas

71 Rumford Ave., Rumford
207-364-2193

West Parish Congregational Church U.C.C.

Maundy Thursday 7 pm

Tenebrae & Communion

Good Friday ~ 10 am - 6 pm

Sanctuary Open for

personal meditation & prayer

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

6:15 am Top of Paradise Road

followed by pancake breakfast

Easter Service 10 am with choir

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



And the recent events were

In Mayville, filling and grading around the new business building foundation continued all week. On "the bridge" single lane use for vehicle passage began. A temporary roadway from the area of the Murphy's driveway to a work site under the bridge has been created. Preliminary work started in the closed west side lane. Saturday was a big ski day at South Ridge and the Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo had a busy day with more than 300 people coming to see the various exhibits.

Kathy and I drove up to South Ridge Saturday morning to see what the snow conditions looked like after our rain and warm weather. Basically the skiing areas looked untouched. Arrangements were going on for afternoon entertainment. Our entertainment was

watching youngsters getting in their early ski moves on the gentle slope behind the Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation Center. What we had not seen before was what Steve Wight told me is called the "magic carpet" skier moving sidewalk transporter. There were classes for an adult group going on as well as early learning for the younger set.

At the Fly Fishing Expo

Three hundred + people came to the expo at the Bethel Inn Conference Center Saturday. One of the exhibitors was from New Brunswick - Wilsons Four Season Resort. The nearest exhibitor was the Western Maine Drift Guiding Service form Park Street in Bethel. Orion Outfitters and Guide Service from Mason had a large exhibit. There were a number of fly tying demonstrations to watch. Six presentations made up part of the expo program: One presentation subject was "Lure of Labrador" and another "Flies I Tie and Why." A silent auc-

tion was setup in the Conference Center lobby - a lot going on at the show.

Plus, our daughter came for a Saturday visit and we all enjoyed a fine lunch at the Rooster's

Beginnings of Bethel Furniture Stock

Ground was broken and the mill opened in 1958. Overall landing this venture in Bethel was part of a busy year and had received much assistance and encouragement from Bethel's business leaders. It was also the year that the Sunday River Skiway Corp. was formed, Addison Saunders elected president, and the Bethel Area Development Corp. organized. Howard Cole was elected president and seventy-five members joined in the first five weeks. Barker Mountain ski trails were laid out. Dr. John Trinward was elected president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Robert Billings became the new proprietor of the Bethel General Store (where Maine Street Realty is today). This store had been established by Niles Kellogg. (Mr. Kellogg was

the supplier of Wirthmore grain feed for my parents' cattle.) Also, Brooks Bros. bought the Clough & Pillsbury hardware store and business in Rumford. The Bethel Theater closed and theater owner Max Zallen announced plans for building a two story motel. And in February Dr. Raymond Tibbetts passed away.

The complete 1958 news summary: http://www.thebetheljournals.info/News/1958_News.pdf.

E-mail history question received

"Hello, we are students at Cascade Middle School in Indiana. We are doing a project with civil war letters in class. We are transcribing them and looking for information about our soldier. The soldier that wrote our letter is Captain Clark S. Edwards. We found out that he had served at the 5th Maine Regiment, and we have a few questions that we were wondering if you can answer. We were wondering if you have any records about his service in the army, how long he served in the regiment or what battles he fought in. If you have any additional information that you think would be helpful for our project that would be very helpful. We hope to get some extra information about him. Thanks, Bella Mahan and Dylan Kottkamp."

I sent them the Web link you see below and a Google Earth photo of where in Bethel the Clark Edwards house is located.

Clark S. Edwards (1824-1903) has a unique place in Bethel history; he organized a volunteer Bethel Rifle Company as the Civil War opened in 1861; he was promoted to Colonel and commanded the 5th Maine Volunteer Regiment which was committed in the Battle of Gettysburg; promoted to Brevet Brigadier General he was mustered out in 1864; he was appointed by the Governor to the Maine Gettysburg Commission and to the Columbia Exposition Commission (World Fair of 1893 in Chicago) and in 1886 was the Maine Democratic Party's candidate for governor. Read more: http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Names/ClarkSEdwards_MeRegt.htm.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The calendar says it's spring, but winter is fighting back. Overnight temperatures dropped into the teens several times this past week. The lakes and ponds are unsafe but a thin layer of ice has formed again on the boggy areas. The "potential" nor'easter that was forecast to hit our area on Monday has veered off to the east and it looks like Washington County is going to get the snow jackpot. As of this morning (Monday, March 21) we have a little less than an inch of snow from that storm. It's supposed to taper off early this afternoon. Despite my love of snow, that's probably for the best because the crocuses are blooming and the tips of daffodils have pushed through on the road banks with a southern exposure.

There will be an Ecumenical Good Friday service at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Friday, March 25, at 12 noon. Pastor Sondra Withey of the Locke's Mills Union Church and Pastor Carol Stevens of the Bethel United Methodist Church will lead the service. The church is located at 79 Main Street.

Every year on the Saturday before Easter the Norway Recreational Department sponsors Easter Fest. On March 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., children and their families are invited to participate in an "Easter egg hunt" on Main Street in Norway. The event begins with picking up a map at Norway Memorial Library and then locating the eggs hidden at businesses on Main Street. Easter Fest includes prizes, refreshments, and special events along Main Street. Last year almost a thousand people participated in the event. If your travels on March 26 include a trip to Norway, it is wise to avoid driving in the Main Street area during the event.

Maine Maple Sunday is always celebrated the fourth Sunday of March. This year it coincides with Easter on March 27. Many Maine maple sugar producers will open their doors to the public to demonstrate how maple syrup is made. Some will also offer tours, food, meals, and exhibits. Locally there are participating farms and sugarhouses in Greenwood, Waterford, Hebron, Sweden, and Sumner. You can find hours and activities listed at www.maine-mapleproducers.com. Try not to miss this event because of the holiday. It is a perfect way to mark the beginning of spring.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Happy Spring! We dodged another storm and hopefully it was the last one for this season. New England has been spared serious storms this winter, contrary to other parts of the country. My heart does go out to all who lost family and/or everything. It is sad to see what so many in our nation are suffering from right now. So, please, reject all the hate and violent talk from candidates, no matter which party, for all already are suffering. Remember, united we stand, divided we fall. Sorry again if this offends anyone. You can let me know by calling 507-1008 or e-mail heinerichcracker@gmail.com.

Alder River Grange met on March 11 at Stan Howe's home. The summer schedule was drawn up for yard sales and suppers.

The first yard sale will be Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 29 and 30. The next sale will be Molly Ockett Day in Bethel on July 16. Trapper's Weekend will be a yard sale on Aug. 19 and 20, and the last yard sale will be Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3, 4 and 5.

The Grange has scheduled two suppers this year and they will both be turkey. The first supper is on Oct. 8 and the second will be Nov. 12.

Next week I will give the answer for the Trivia. Thank you for the calls, I appreciate that. I think you will find the answer interesting. One just has to love history. Happy Easter.

Barn

Continued from page 1

The first floor needed leveling in places, up to about 10 inches in one corner. He reused the barn board he had removed from the upper floors.

"Some floor areas are 4 inches thick as a result of repurposing the existing wood," he said.

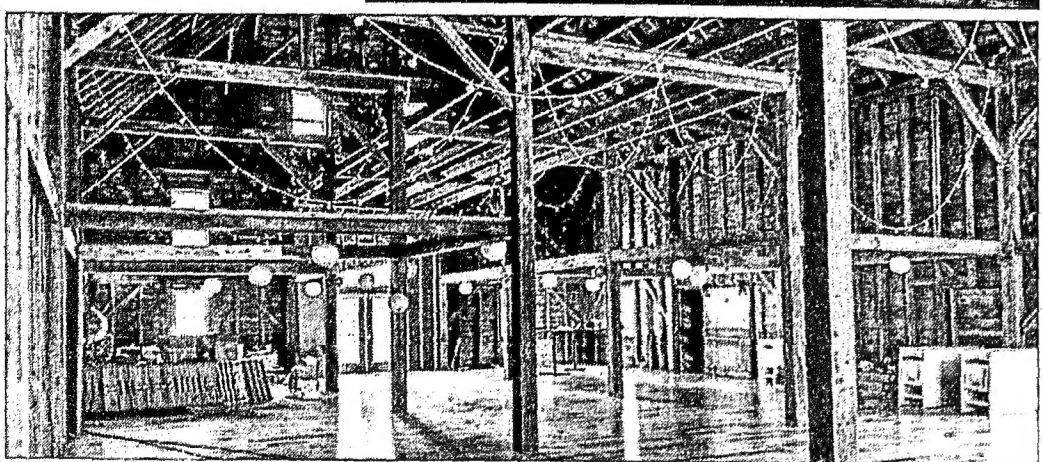
LeGault then put down an authentic hickory floor in the 42 by 70 foot area in order to provide the best dance surface and a clean surface to protect the brides' gowns, he said.

In addition to the post and beam structure, two original doors are still in place, including a large 14 by 14 one at the north end. Also visible at that end, near roof level, is the original mechanism used to hoist and slide hay bales into the barn.

The barn now hosts weddings from May through October. Although it's not air conditioned for summer, LeGault said shading from the nearby tall pine trees combined with a good fan system keep the interior comfortable on warm days.

While weddings are the primary functions hosted at the barn, LeGault also offers it for family reunions, anniversary parties and corporate gatherings.

For more information go to www.1888weddingbarn.com.



Photos, from top: Paul LeGault stands next to an original door in the barn. A photo of the Twitchell barn from the early 20th century. The interior of the barn today.

(Wedding packages start at \$47 per person, and the barn rental service fee is \$3,000.)

A. Aloisio, Bethel Historical Society, Submitted photo

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From the TWISI archives: Ladies, it's time to take your Easter bonnet out of storage and dust it off. Iron out your pretty Easter dress and don't forget to dig your white gloves out from the back of your dresser.

What...you don't have an Easter bonnet? You say you haven't worn a dress in years? You never owned a pair of white gloves??? What's up with that???

Well, you're not alone. Those Easter traditions are not practiced very much any longer. In fact, fewer and fewer people even attend church on Easter Sunday.

I certainly don't have an Easter bonnet. I do on occasion wear a hat, but my hats are more of the baseball cap variety or knit type that can cover my ears on a cold winter day. I do not wear these hats to church.

I don't have a pretty Easter dress either. In fact, I have only one dress I keep on hand that is suitable to wear to a wedding or a funeral. Even on those occasions I tend to go with an appropriate pantsuit and the dress stays in my closet.

As for white gloves, I'm not even sure that you can buy them any longer. I haven't seen any in the stores in years. But, that was not always the case.

When I was a little girl Easter was a big event for me. There were only two times a year when my mother bought me a new

dress. One was for the first day of school and the other was for Easter Sunday.

As I recall, J. J. Newberry had a pretty decent selection of Easter bonnets and dresses for little girls and yes, they did have white gloves. One year when there must have been a few extra dollars in the family budget I even got an Easter coat with a matching pocketbook. I think there is a black and white picture of me in that outfit somewhere in the family photo archives.

My mother always wore an Easter hat; I never saw

lions, a garter belt and 1" heels. All would have been okay if I had just let that hat become one with nature, but I was sure I could retrieve it without a problem.

Being the first time on 1" heels I was a bit unsteady as I climbed down a steep bank to the stream and lost my footing, broke one of the heels, snagged the nylons and landed in the stream.

I did save the hat though and showed up at church a bit wet and disheveled with mud on my face, gloves and hat. I suspect that I was crying too, but I don't remember that.

That was the last time I wore an Easter hat or bonnet of any kind. Not so much because of a bad experience with the stream, but because hats and bonnets were disappearing from the pews on Easter Sunday.

I'm not too apt to wear an Easter hat now, but I do think it's kind of sad that they are a thing of the past. I don't think there is even an Easter parade any longer and no one is writing a sonnet about anyone's Easter bonnet these days.

Life was a lot simpler in those days and people went to church on Easter Sunday because it meant something to them.

A lot has changed since I was a little girl, but the way I see it I can still wish all of you a Happy Easter and you can put that bee in your bonnet, Easter or otherwise.

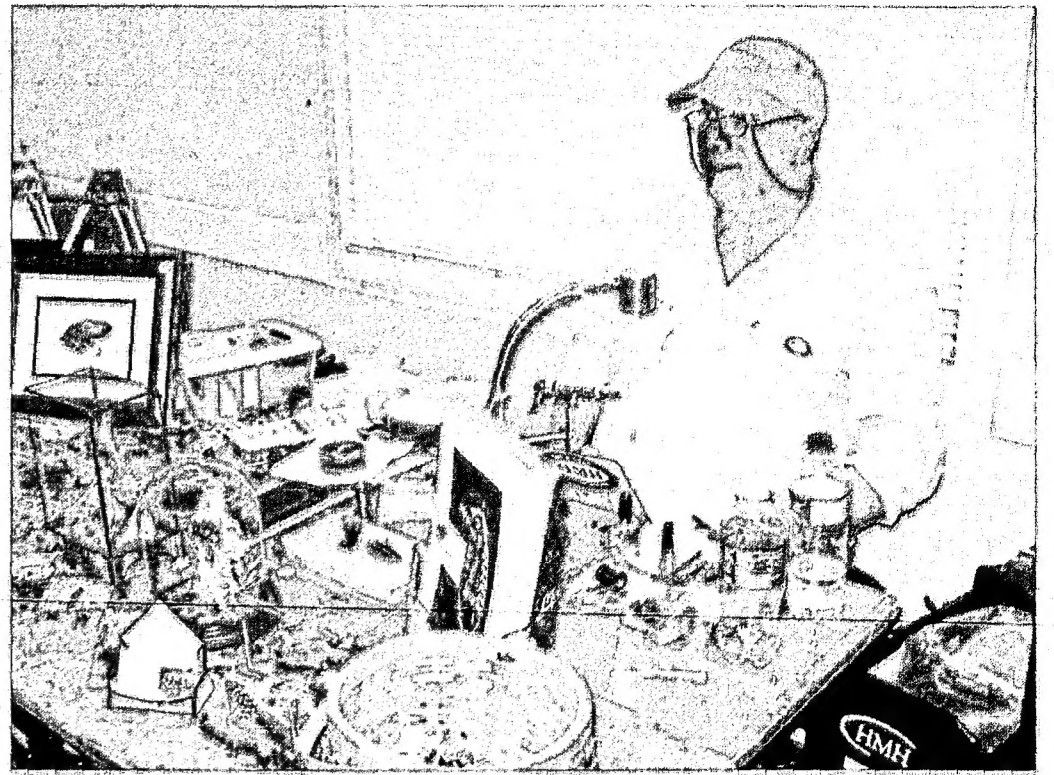
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her wear a bonnet. I remember thinking that she actually stuck the hatpins into her head. I was grateful that my bonnet tied under my chin and was not looking forward to the day when I would have to stick hatpins in my head.

I never did reach the point of sticking hatpins anywhere. I did wear a pretty hat on my 13th Easter, but I didn't use hatpins. Perhaps I should have as the hat blew off my head and landed in a stream next to the church.

That was the first time I was allowed to wear ny-

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Last Saturday the annual Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo took place at the Bethel Inn Conference Center, with more than three dozen exhibitors, as well as fishing related silent auction items, a kids' fly tying bench and guest speakers. The expo is the primary fund raiser for the Mollycorket Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and provides support for conservation projects, fly casting and fly tying lessons to youth groups, schools, and charitable organizations.

D. Bennett

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Condolences go out to the family of Barry Rickards of Rumford, who passed away on March 6, 2016. He was 59. Barry is survived by his wife Sharon, daughter Erika, mother Mary Bailey and 10 brothers and sisters including Howard and Don Bailey of Andover. Barry was a kind, caring and cheerful person who was passionate about everything motors. He graduated from Telstar High School and was employed at the Rumford Paper Mill for 35 years. You may learn more about Barry's life and view photos and video online by searching

"Thibault Funeral Homes Maine." Contributions in Barry's memory may be made to the Oncology Unit at Rumford Hospital, 420 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine 04276 or to the Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing, 29 Lowell Street, Lewiston, Maine 04270.

From the Town Office Citizens of the Town of Hanover are encouraged to submit their nominations for the Office of Select Board Member. Richard Stratton will be finishing up his term this year and will not run for re-election. Please contact the Town Office if you wish to serve or if you wish to nominate a candidate. Nominations may be submitted by contacting the Town Office prior to the Annual Town Meeting which takes place in October. Thank you, Richard

for your years of service to the Town of Hanover.

Citizens are invited to meet with the Town Assessor to review their property assessments on Saturday, April 9 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Town Office. No appointment is needed.

The Town's dog licensing deadline has passed. The fine for renewals after the Dec. 31, 2015 deadline is \$25. Animal Control Officer, Ozzie Hart, will be notified of any currently unlicensed dogs. A visit by the Animal Control Officer will result in additional substantial fines. You are strongly advised to please license your dog if you have not already done so.

The Town Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, April 15 and 22 due to Deputy Clerk Ellie Andrews' knee surgery. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Good luck, Ellie.

Whatever happened to winter? Happy spring! Please send me your news, comments, questions to HanoverME-News@gmail.com.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Town Meeting was one of the fastest and least confrontational I can ever remember. Moderator Bob Duplissie kept us rolling along at a good pace. Attendees voted a 3 percent raise for employees and a \$1,000 increase in the Treasurer's Salary who is working more hours due to a heavier load of money related items due to our new school situation. All articles were passed with only two amended. Nominations from the floor were made to fill two committees. Those proposed for the Budget Committee were Greg Peaslee, Elaine Morton, Fred Dethridge, Dick Merrill, Sharon Perkins, and Donna Libby. Recreation Committee nominees were: Claire Sessions, Denise Hurd, Carol Emery, Bruce Simmons, Lacy Gammon and Susan F., whose last name I can't read due to my own handwriting. I'm sure there is a more detailed report elsewhere in the Citizen.

This evening the First Congregational Church will be hosting the annual Last Supper and Garden Meditation observance beginning at 6:30 p.m. Other Holy Week events will be the Way of the Cross on Friday evening at 7 p.m., the Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on Easter morning and a regular worship service at 10:00 a.m. Both services on Easter will be followed by coffee fellowship.

Andover Elementary School is looking for Kindergarten students for the 2016-17 school year. A child must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2016 to be eligible for the class. Parents should call School Secretary, Patti Brown at 392-4381 for information about registering their child.

Seniors Plus is offering

a course entitled "Fraud & Scam Awareness: How to Protect Yourself" On Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Town Hall. We all get those questionable phone calls from time to time. Scams and identity theft rob millions of Americans each year. In the workshop you will learn to recognize common scams and what you can do to avoid them. You will learn about useful resources and receive your own fraud prevention guide. No registration is required, but if you desire more information you may call 1-800-427-1241. Personally, I think this would be valuable not only to Seniors, but to all of us dealing with the multiple calls we receive.

The Easter Bunny is coming to Andover a day early as his helpers at Mills Market will once again hide eggs all over the village for children to find and then claim a prize. Egg seekers will gather on Saturday, March 26 at 9 a.m. at Mills to receive instructions. For those of you wishing to help this event be a success, donation buckets are located in local stores.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WRIGHT CHAPMAN



Velvet Hollow Sugarworks, at Brian and Suzanne Dunham's farm off of the Rowe Hill Road in Greenwood, will be celebrating Maine Maple Weekend this Saturday and Sunday. They will be serving a full breakfast, including gluten-free pancakes with their own maple syrup, from 9 to noon on both days. The sugar house will be open for tours and to purchase other maple and gluten-free goodies until 2 p.m. on Saturday and until 3 p.m. on Sunday.

After celebrating the vernal equinox on Sunday, I wasn't happy to see snow

in the air on Monday, but since we got barely enough to cover the ground, I won't complain too much. I understand that some parts of the state, and even some places in southern New England, got six inches or more.

Saturday was a cold, raw day, but I had a nice taste of spring as I went on the Adult Ed bus tour to the Boston Flower and Garden Show. The garden displays were inspiring, and made me wish I had enough time and energy to create something similar (or maybe enough money to pay someone else to do it for me), but I'm not really much of a flower gardener. I'll be lucky just to get around to raking the sunflower seed shells off the crocuses outside my kitchen window, and maybe planting some geraniums in the window boxes at camp.

Among the 45 or so people who went on the bus trip were my Locke's Mills "neighbor" (we're all neighbors in the village) Crystal Lake and her three sisters, Jeannine Wing, Marilyn Howe, and Theresa Koskela. The former Hebert sisters were obviously enjoying spending time together, laughing a lot and referring to themselves as "the Queens."

As we were waiting for the bus to leave the show, they told me the story behind that name. There were five girls in their family, and after losing first their mom, Rowena Dunham, in 2014, then their older sister, Dolly Olson, last year, they realized that life is short and uncertain, and the remaining Hebert women should get together once a month. At one of their gatherings, they were playing cards, and when they took turns cutting the deck, each of the four sisters cut to a queen. The odds of such a thing happening are infinitesimal, so I have to think someone was sending them a positive message!

From the

OCCSD Patrol Log

Monday, March 14

At 3:01 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzpatrick stopped a vehicle on Main Street in Bethel for a subject known to have a suspended license. Hilary Taylor of Bryant Pond was summonsed for operating after suspension.

Tuesday, March 15

At 12:17 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Bear River Road in Newry for a report of criminal mischief. The case was under investigation.

Wednesday, March 16

At 8:04 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to Telstar High School in Bethel for a juvenile problem.

At 12:07 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald assisted the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office in locating a missing person in Bethel.

At 12:20 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Chandler Hill Road in Bethel for a report of an unwanted person. The person was gone before the deputy arrived.

Thursday, March 17

At 9:21 a.m. in Bethel Deputy Mike Fitzpatrick located and arrested David A. Stevens of Bryant Pond on a warrant from the Skowhegan PD.

At 10:58 a.m. a subject in Bethel reported a wallet stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Broad Street in Bethel. A credit card in the wallet was reportedly

used to make a fraudulent charge. Deputy Mike Fitzpatrick was assigned and the investigation was ongoing.

At 6:39 p.m. a report was received of a possible missing or stolen .22 caliber pistol from Bethel. Anyone with information was asked to contact the Sheriff's Office.

Friday, March 18

At 7:56 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Keystone Drive in Newry for a report of a burglary that occurred in the last two weeks.

At 1:26 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald received a report of people walking on the railroad tracks. Four minors were given summonses for possessing alcohol while under 21.

At 2:17 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzpatrick stopped a vehicle on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. Matthew D. Ryerson of West Paris was summonsed for operating after suspension.

Saturday, March 19

At 7:57 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney served a subject in Bethel with a trespass warning from the Waldo County Sheriff's Office.

At 10:54 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward stopped a vehicle on Parkway in Bethel for a known suspended driver. Paige M. Daye of Rumford was summonsed for operating after suspension.

Sunday, March 20

At 3:33 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to a car crash on North Main Street in Woodstock. There were no injuries.

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The Local Hub is closed for renovations this week, and plans to reopen on Monday, March 28. They have built up a very loyal clientele and many people will be eagerly awaiting their reopening.

The Facebook page "Journey on the Back Roads of Maine" shares photographs, both old and new, from all over the state. A few days ago, they shared a photo of the schoolhouse on the Bird Hill Road as it appeared in 1890. When, out of curiosity, I was poking around on the Internet to find out the last year that classes were held there (the answer is 1981), I found a Sun Journal news story written by Jane Chandler in 1985 that detailed an effort that year by a group calling itself the Mt. Abram Mercantile Association (although unaffiliated with Mt. Abram Ski Resort) to purchase the building and turn it into a nightclub. A special town meeting had been set to determine the fate of the old school. I was living on Bird Hill at the time (as a resident of Bethel, not Greenwood), but I must have been oblivious to local current events. I don't remember hearing about the outcome, but I assume voters rejected the plan.

Happy Easter! Happy Maine Maple Weekend! Happy Spring! E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



This has been a nice spring Sunday afternoon and there is a threat of a snowstorm on Monday morning, or is there? The weather report started with a nor'easter, then maybe six inches inland and now it looks like less than two inches inland and more at the coast. Just heard, it might be up to three inches inland. My thought is, as always, to see what there is in the morning and go with that! My brother, Steve McLain, sent an e-mail to let me know that he and Lise went to J's Corner Restaurant in Gorham, N.H. last Sunday. They were celebrating Lise's birthday.

Mary Tyler called and said that she had recently attended a birthday party for her grandniece, Addison, who turned two years

old. Mary also wanted to be sure that I saw the picture of the rainbow that she posted on Facebook after the crazy weather in the area last Thursday.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, plays for the Berlin Peewee Hockey Team. They attended the Hockey Academy youth hockey Lobster Trap Tournament in Biddeford. They played and won a game on Friday night, lost the Saturday game, but won the Sunday game. This gave them a spot in the championship game that was against the team that they lost to on Saturday. They played well but sadly they lost the game. The season is over now and they were very successful overall.

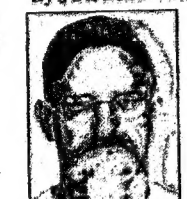
Town Office
Reminder that the Annual Town Meeting is this Saturday, March 26 at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Arrive early to be checked off the voting list or to register if you have not done so already.

Dog Licenses: Any dogs that have not been registered at this time are subject to a \$25 per dog late fee plus the cost of the license. There are no exceptions.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapman@hotnail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies will serve breakfast Easter Sunday. I am informed that their next scheduled breakfast after Easter is Mother's Day, May 8. Sunday, March 20 about 2 p.m. I realized that I failed to put any money in the breakfast donation can. I was so involved in eating my breakfast and visiting that I forgot. I do hope that my oversight will not cause me to be banned from future events at the Ladies Aid.

The Upton Historical Society will hold its first meeting of 2015 Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Upton House.

The Letter B Notch Riders will have their first meeting of the season on the same date, also at the Upton House. Their meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, March 25 at the town office.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War met on Monday, March 14. It was reported that Sally delivered Valentines to the South Paris Veterans' Home in February. The Daughters will put on the Senior Citizens dinner in April on the 7th at the Woodstock Fire Station, so the dinner was discussed. Elsie Bonney, PDP, was president for the evening. She reported that the State of Maine notes Woodstock has a Medal of Honor Veteran from the Civil War - Frank M. Whitman. At a later date, a plaque will be placed on or by the new Civil War monument in his memory. Fifty calls were reported since the last meeting in December. Elena Noyes received the mystery package. The next meeting is April 11 at the Grange Hall.

Franklin Grange will meet at the Grange Hall on Monday evening, April 4 at 7 p.m.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, April 7 at the Fire Station. Dinner will be put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Meeting starts at 11:30. New members always welcome.

Services at the Baptist Church are, for March 27, Easter Sunday at 8:30 - breakfast followed by Sunday School for the whole family at 9:30. Regular Morning Worship at 10:30. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up.

Don't forget the Town Meeting on Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Monday, March 21, 2016 10 a.m.

A snowy day and a few accidents on the roads this morning and the town crews are out. Condolences are going out to the families of Joyce Delano, Robert Thompson and Claude F. White. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

Birthday wishes are going out to the following: Kathy Bartlett, Melissa Hilligoss, Eileen Mowett, Gail Bennett, Amanda Corriveau, Andrea Lane, Laine Cross, Chris Lamb, Chris Ryan, Christine

Hanscom, Ginny Brown, Natasha Hodson, Meagan Hodson, Carol Ann Fogg, Jim Miclon, Mark Thurlow, Jessie Hart, Janice Walker, Joyce Hathaway, Frank Gibson, Nellie Emery, Ruby Coolidge and Nancy Wardwell.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Roger and Marie Wilday.

Betty Davis of Norway and Brenda DeWitt of Auburn stopped by for a visit Saturday afternoon.

Paula Kaiser and Kirk Lundstrom came up from Lewiston for band practice and we spent the afternoon getting our programs lined up for the nursing homes for the rest of the month. Town roads are posted till the frost is all gone so the log truckers can get back to hauling wood.

We entertained some of our nursing home residents last Thursday. It was good getting back into our monthly routine, Paula spent February and part of March in Florida visiting her mom, daughter and brother.

It was good to see Earl Hart, Timmy Hilligoss, Peggy Roberts, Vance Bacon, Juanita Ford and the many others we had not seen since January.

Get well wishes to these folks and all the others who are having medical and health issues.

We have a pair of Robins that visit every day so guess Spring has officially arrived.

So glad to see so many turn out for the Italian Night supper at the Congregational Church in Watford this past weekend. The supper was put on by the Watford Fair Association.

There will be another supper on April 16 and it will be baked haddock with all the fixings.

Well, that's all from the valley this week, stay well. Happy Easter to all our readers.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is early Tuesday morning. The snow storm turned out to be very

low-key here. We only got a dusting although it looked like it might snow in earnest for a while Monday. I was glad although it snowed enough to get the pain up. Guess that is what I can expect from now on. I have to just get used to it. At least it is getting warmer every other day. The snow now won't last and of that I am glad.

That touch of mud season was enough for me. Now it is on to spring!

Thursday, March 24 at West Paris Library as part of the Senior Plus long distance learning program, will talk about basic Medicare information from 1 to 2:30 p.m. It is free with preregistration, Call 1-800-427-1241.

Friday, March 25 at Watford Library from 10 to 12 the coffee with your neighbors group meets. FMI 583-2050. The library is also open for business.

Saturday, March 26 at Watford Library there is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. Bring your basket and hunt for over 200 eggs. The hunt is for children of elementary age and under, to be accompa-

nied by an adult. FMI 583-2050.

Wednesday, March 30 there is a beginner fly-tying class 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Norway Library in the Teen Rec Room. It is presented by the Cancer Resource Center with the support of the Mollycodd Chapter of trout Unlimited.

Monday, April 4 at the Watford Library, Socrates' Café will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Topic is: What Makes Ideologies Dangerous? Moderator is Thomas Philips. FMI 583-6957.

Stiffness makes this column come to an end. Have a great first week of Spring and stay warm. To call in info, call 743-0583.

Prime Time Ski Club news

It looks like winter isn't done yet, at least at Sunday River ski area. Last week's warm temperatures and sunny days created typical spring skiing conditions but weekend temps in the 20s and 30s allowed the mountain's snowmakers to cover 10 trails with fresh snow and the groomers to lay down a nice corduroy finish. And the snowmakers and groomers claim they are not done yet. Despite this renewed chance to experience winter ski conditions again, a number of Prime Time Ski Club members have finished skiing for the season. Some members with seasonal homes have left and members who day ski have become fewer and fewer.

However, some of our diehard skiers are still around and happy to ski with anyone 50 years or older who wants to meet up with them. Please note that when North Peak Lodge is inaccessible, like the other day when the Chondola was on wind hold and the connector trail from the top of the North Peak lift was roped off, or if the lodge is closed, club members meet either at the Mahosuc Room at South Ridge Lodge around 8:30 a.m. to get to the lifts at 9 a.m. or at Barker Lodge around 10 a.m.

At our last potluck dinner of the season last week, thank-you cards for the mountain's groomer and snowmaking crews were signed by members who wanted to express their appreciation for a job well done in keeping our members skiing during this non-winter. And speaking of a job well-done, in a recently published article on www.SeniorsSkiing.com, an online magazine for the 50+ skier and snowboarder, the Prime

Time Ski Club was mentioned as one of the great assets for seniors who ski Sunday River. The article states, "For seniors on a fixed income and liberated schedule, a top place to ski in the East is Sunday River, ME. That is for three reasons. First, it is huge... Second, Boyne Resorts has done a great job modernizing lifts and focusing on snowmaking and grooming, keeping trails in good shape, even in low-snow years. Finally, everyone who works here is very friendly, so you have nice people looking after you."

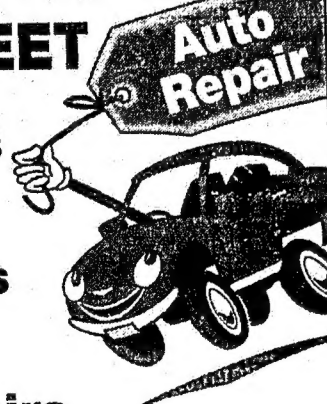
The online article goes on to say, "One great asset here for seniors is the 100+ member Prime Time Ski Club (motto "You'll Never ski alone!") for those over 50. Meet up any weekday morning...and have a fun group of people to ski with." The write-up is a nice tribute to Sunday River as well as the Prime Time Ski Club. The article also mentions the Prime Time Ski Club weekly Bethel Citizen column and gives readers a link to the club's website where there is an archive of these columns. As a bonus for the curious, the online article also mentions this column writer by name. So check out the www.SeniorsSkiing.com site for ski news, advice on destinations, gear, health and a nostalgic look at ski history and heroes. Subscribing to the site is free and includes special offers, discount information and updates on what other seniors are doing to optimize their skiing and riding experiences. You can also check out www.primetimeskiclub.com for a list of activities and previous newspaper columns. Hope you will join us on the slopes for a few last turns.

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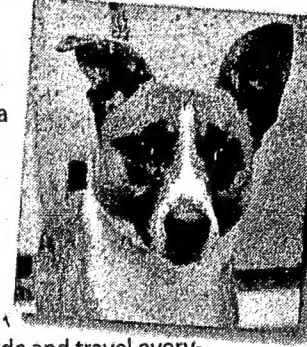
Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs, and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tues, Wed, Thurs 12-4 pm; Fri: 12-6pm; Sat & Sun: 12-5pm. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

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Legion baseball news

Raymond Hakala, Post Commander of Jackson-Silver Post 68 announced that the Post will again be a sponsor of American Legion Senior Baseball. The Post has sponsored teams for several years in Legion Zone 2, which incorporates Western and Central Maine.

Hakala and The Legion feel this is a great opportunity for these young athletes to be afforded an opportunity to continue their baseball involvement between high school and college. This allows them an opportunity to fulfill their athletic skills, enhance good sportsmanship and enjoy social interplay. The 2016 team will again be coached by Bob Remington, who has done an exceptional job along with his coaching staff. This year's recruitment of players (which is still in progress) includes students from Gould Academy, Telstar, Dirigo and Mountain

Valley Schools. Those interested in playing may contact Bob Remington at 890-9161 or Ryan Palmer at 357-6603.

Commander Hakala said the Legion is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Therefore, all of the expenses for the teams: equipment, uniforms, umpire fee's, insurance, travel expense and incidental expenses have to be financed by fundraising and private donations.

The 2016 annual operating budget is between \$2,500 and \$4,000. So, the Post is reaching out to private institutions, parents, private citizens and any other organization which would give financial aid for this most worthwhile cause. The ultimate goal is to enhance each athlete's confidence, self-esteem and athletic potential as a participant. Donations may be made directly to Jackson-Silver Post 68, P.O. Box 178, Locke Mills, ME 04255.

Simard named On Snow program director at Gould

Gould Academy announced recently the promotion of Kurt Simard to Director of On Snow Programs.

Simard has served as the school's Alpine Program Director and Head Alpine Coach since 2007, and recently took on the additional role of interim Director of On Snow Programs after the search for a new director was announced this past August.

"Kurt's breadth of experience as a competitor, coach, and leader is exactly who we want championing our On Snow Programs," said Matt Ruby, Head of School for Gould Academy.

Effective immediately, Simard will oversee and develop all competitive and noncompetitive on-snow programming for Gould Academy, an extensive job that includes: the Gould Academy Competition Program (GACP) — a fulltime and weekendonly partnership program between Gould and Sunday River that supports high-level alpine, Nordic, snowboarding and freestyle athletes looking to compete throughout the United States (fulltime) and regionally (weekend-only); the Gould Academy Prep Alpine, Prep Snowboarding, and Prep Nordic teams, whose fulltime studentathletes compete throughout Maine and New England; a host of noncompetitive programming for fulltime students that includes the Rugrats instruction program, the Maine Adaptive Instruction program, a learn to ski and snowboard program,



and the only nationally recognized high school ski patrol program in the country; and the Winter Term program for seventh and eighthgrade students whose students compete at their highest levels in alpine, Nordic, snowboarding and freestyle/freestyle from November through March.

Gould began the search for a Director of On Snow Programs by enlisting the help of a search committee whose members included noted alumni, leaders within the ski industry and Gould Academy Competition Program, as well as a school trustee and parents. Candidates from all over the United States applied.

In addition to reporting to the Head of School for Gould Academy, Simard will also report to the VP of Skiers Services for Sunday River for all matters pertaining to the GACP weekendonly program.

Coach Simard brings a versatile coaching perspective to Gould, having worked with gifted athletes of all ages, from the

junior development level to Division I collegiate level to placement on the U.S. Ski Team. During his eightyear tenure as Head Coach for the University of New Hampshire's Division I Women's Alpine Team, he coached the Wildcat Women to an NCAA National Giant Slalom Championship in 2006 and the entire Alpine Team to a secondplace overall finish that same year. His athletes also attained an impressive 19 AllAmerican Award honors as well as placements to the U.S. Ski Team. Kurt recently worked with the US Ski Team during the Beaver Creek World Cup races this past December.

Originally from Auburn, Maine Coach Simard grew up ski racing. He participated in the U.S. Ski Team's Development Program, graduated from Green Mountain Valley School in Vermont, and captained the University of New Hampshire's Division I Men's Alpine Team.

After college he began his coaching career at Sunday River with Gould Academy. Noted for his enthusiastic love of athletics and ability to lead, his accomplishments have been recognized by his peers as he has been twice named the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) Coach of the Year (2005 and 2006). In 2007, Coach Simard's return to Gould was both a homecoming and milestone. He met his wife, Lauren, at Sunday River, and together they have three daughters: Madeline '16, Cameron, and Sophie.

"Move it or lose it" presentation

"Move It or Lose It," a lively audience participation program with different types and ways to exercise, will be presented by Betsey Foster, Karen Swanson and Patti Truman, on Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSOC).

Dr. Catherine Chamberlin, a physician at the Bethel Family Health Center and an avid fitness supporter, will introduce the participants. She will also add her thoughts on the importance of fitness.

Audience members will learn from local experts about the benefits of several different ways to exercise. The audience will be invited to join the fun of trying these methods.

Betsey Foster, who has a Master's Degree in Public Health from Boston University, studied Tai Chi and Qigong from leaders in the field for the past 28 years. She will explain and demonstrate the art form. She said she finds its health benefit invaluable for keeping one in good health. These arts stimulate the internal organs, improve balance, and are

excellent therapies to help deal with many chronic conditions. Foster holds classes weekly in the Ripley Building at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Seniors will get into the Zumba beat of the oldies as Patti Truman promises to tone down Zumba for seniors. She said, "Zumba is not a dance class as much as a movement class for all ages; it's exercise in disguise." She believes physical fitness is paramount for creating and maintaining health, stamina and a balanced sense of well-being, and it goes hand in hand with good nutrition habits. Her training consists of different forms of Zumba. She is certified to teach Bokwa, an aerobic workout, and became a personal trainer. Her other talents include Hypnotherapy, Counselor and Life Coach. She has a new studio in Bethel called Leapz and Beatz.

Karen Swanson will introduce the audience to the benefits of chair yoga. She said, "Many people think of yoga as something for the young and flexible. However, those with more limitations in their body are apt to notice the benefits of deep breathing and slow movements even more dramatically." As one of her chair yoga

class members says, "I feel stronger and my balance is improving. I am definitely more conscious of my posture and breath." Swanson has been teaching yoga for nearly 20 years. She is certified in Phoenix Rising Yoga Therapy, Thai-Shiatsu, Hellinger Family Constellation Therapy and Enwaken Energy Coaching. She has a retreat-like studio space in her home, as well as offering the chair yoga classes at the Methodist Church annex. She is also available for private sessions.

This program is sponsored as a community service by To Your Health of WMSOC with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. Admission is free and there will be light refreshments. For more information, call R. Tiff at 824-2053.

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Sunday River Resort in snowmaking competition

Sunday River Resort has been nominated for the HKD IAM a Snowmaker award, a competition hosted by Ski Area Management Magazine, according to a press release.

This new industry competition uses videos to highlight each nominated resort's snowmaking crew, and the winner is decided by an online vote, open now through March 31.

Resorts nominated for the HKD IAM a Snowmaker award demonstrate exceptional snowmaking capabilities, ranging from on-hill equipment to experience levels within each team. The award aims to highlight the underdogs of the industry, and to showcase the comradery of each resort's snowmaking department. HKD Snowmakers, a North American manufacturer and supplier of energy-efficient snowmaking technology, is the title sponsor of the event and provides much of Sunday River's snowmaking equipment.

In addition to the full-length video, each nominee was asked to submit a short trailer and to create a profile about their snowmakers. Sunday River is joined in the competition by Stowe and Okemo Mountain of Vermont, Cataloochee Ski Area of North Carolina, Copper Mountain of Colorado, and Whistler Blackcomb of British Columbia.

Sunday River started its 2015/16 winter season with a snowmaking test on Sept. 22, and opened for skiing and snowboarding on Oct. 19. Despite warmer temperatures throughout the winter, the resort credits its ability to consistently offer the most open terrain in the Northeast to the efforts of its snowmaking team, according to the release. To date, the resort has recorded 83 days of snowmaking during its season.

Interested voters can cast ten votes per day for the HKD IAM a Snowmaker award by visiting saminfo.com.

Vermette receives MPA award



Submitted photo

Savannah Vermette (left) of Greenwood, a senior at Telstar High School, has been selected to receive the 2016 Principal's Award, Principal Cheryl Lang (right) has announced. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principal's Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship.

"For the short period of one and a half years I have gotten to know Savannah at Telstar High School, she has distinguished herself as a positive and active leader in the classroom, on the playing field, and both in the school and the community," Lang said in making the award. "She very much deserves this recognition."

Vermette, Lang, and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor on Saturday, April 2.

The Honors Luncheon recognizes these outstanding students with the presentation of an individual plaque and the awarding of five \$1,000 scholarships in the names of Horace O. McGowan and Richard W. Tyler. McGowan and Tyler were former Maine principals and executive directors of the Association.

An additional five \$1,000 scholarships will be presented through the efforts of the MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Fraud and Scams: How to Protect Yourself

SeniorsPlus, the designated Western Maine Agency on Aging, announces they will have a workshop at the Andover Town Hall on Fraud and Scams on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

The class, with SeniorsPlus Oxford County Outreach staff person Valerie Cole, will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 2 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall in Andover.

The class will focus on how to identify fraud and scams. Learn how to recognize common scams and what you can do to avoid them.

Participants will learn useful resources and receive their own fraud prevention guide.

The class is free and all are welcome. For more information, call 1-800-427-1241.

Volunteer advocate training for Helpline

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services is looking for volunteer advocates to respond to its 24 hour crisis and support line and make a difference in the lives of people affected by sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, stalking or sexual harassment.

Volunteer advocates listen and provide support, information, and referrals to people calling for assistance. Calls can require supporting someone through a difficult memory of childhood sexual abuse, providing support and education about available resources, or accompanying a caller to a local hospital or police station when the survivor chooses to use these resources.

Volunteer advocates receive extensive training and support to prepare them for effectively responding to callers. The training provides insight and information in the areas of sexual harassment, stalking, child sexual abuse, sexual assault and the challenges faced by survivors and their supporters. Volunteers are taught the various options and resources available for survivors of all ages in our communities and learn crisis intervention and advocacy skills with special emphasis placed on the importance of self-care.

Volunteer advocates are notified of calls that need to be responded to through their cell phones from the answering service, allowing them to be on call from

their homes and choose from a variety of scheduling options. A stipend is available for volunteer advocates who cover evening, weekend and holiday shifts.

Volunteer advocates must be over the age of 18, empathetic and dependable with access to reliable transportation. All potential volunteers must complete the training and a screening process which includes criminal and DHHS background checks. No prior experience is necessary.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services serves Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties. Services include the 24 hour help line, accompaniment to local hospitals, law enforcement and court proceedings; individual advocacy; and support groups. It also provides prevention education to local schools on a variety of topics including internet/technology safety, healthy relationships, sexual assault, and sexual abuse prevention.

To learn more about our programming visit our website at www.sapars.org.

A new training session for Volunteer Advocates is scheduled to take place in Lewiston and South Paris starting in March and run for 4-6 weeks. Exact days and times of training will be determined.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer advocate during any of these sessions, please contact Justine Plourde 784-5272 ext.111.

Age-Friendly Community news: Health, Wealth and Self

Have you seen the Sun Journal's article every Wednesday taken from AARP's Fraud Alert announcement? You can access all the AARP alerts at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or by calling 1-877-908-3360. Last week was the SJ's first such article and was on grandparent scams. Someone calls posing as a grandchild in trouble who needs money wired immediately and secretly. Your best response? Hang up. The AARP February/March magazine has fea-

ture articles on, among others, "Five Causes of Pain That Will Surprise You" and "Is It a Heart Attack?" The AARP bulletin (a different publication) features many articles on cancer.

In both publications, AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins quotes from her book, *Disrupt Aging*. She feels we need to change the conversation about aging and that there are "3 core areas - health, wealth, and self - in which we can embrace opportunities of aging." She cautions that the work

must be shared by national and local governments and the private sector - and that "we need to take some personal responsibility for ourselves."

These could be the guiding tenets of our local Age-Friendly Community Project (a part of the AARP Network). We are working hard to bring all of these entities into play as we develop new ways of enhancing the lives of our senior population. Want to help? You may contact Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

April activities at Cancer Resource Center

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine located at 199 Main Street, Norway, announces their April Calendar.

New this month is a class to crochet a beaded necklace and a Japanese Washing Paper craft. Activities are offered at the Center (unless otherwise noted) and are free to people impacted by cancer.

For more information check our website, www.crcowm.org, Facebook page or call Sherri at 890-7063.

In case of bad weather,

activities are cancelled if SAD 17 cancels classes.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the Center. Applications may be found on our website or call Sherri at 890-7063 for more information.

April Events
Drop in hours are every Thursday and Friday are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Center is a quiet place to rest, talk with a volunteer or get helpful resources.

Crochet a beaded necklace with Sherri on Friday, April 1 from 10 to noon.

Women's Cancer Support Group Tuesday, April 5, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Call 744-6173 for more information.

Coloring for Adults every Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Stampin' Up with Kathy on Thursday, April 7 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Community Cancer Cut & Sew at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main Street, Norway, Wednesday April 13 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Wednesday, April 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. Knitting Group Thurs-

day, April 14 and 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Visual Journaling with Peter on Friday, April 15 and 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Cards and Games on Friday, April 8, 15 and 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Beading Project at Lively Accents, 310 Main Street, Norway, Thursday, April 21 at 3 p.m.

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Just a reminder that **Dog Licenses are now overdue**. There will be an additional fee for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2016. It will be \$25.00.

Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

Blind Exemption

Exemptions are available to persons determined to be blind within the definition provided by title 22, Chapter 959, who are receiving aid under that Chapter. Exemption must be filed with Assessors before April 1st of the year in which the exemption is expected to begin

Assessor's Notice

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91-A, Section 34 R.S. 1954 Amend, all resident and non-resident property owners are hereby notified to bring into the Assessors, on or before April 1st, 2016, a true copy and perfect list of their estates, real or personal, of which they are possessed on the April 1st 2016, and be prepared to take oath on same. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is barred his rights to make application to the assessors or the Assessment Board of Review for any abatement of his tax unless he satisfies the Assessors that he/she was unable to offer it at the appointed time.

Maine Homestead Exemption

If you are a legal resident of the State of Maine, have owned homestead property in Maine for at least the past 12 months, or owned a homestead in another Maine municipality within the past 12 months and declare this homestead as your permanent place of residence, you may meet the requirements to qualify for a Homestead Exemption under the terms of the homestead exemption statute Title 36 MRSA Sections 681-689. Please contact your local Town Office for more information.

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Backyard reflections

By SARA WRIGHT

Crocus: Harbinger of Spring

This winter has been so mild that I feel that I am already perched on the edge of the next season. The brook has never been completely frozen and all through the winter I have had the pleasure of listening to flowing waters whenever I am snow shoeing or walking around my property. The birds and other animals can easily bathe (yes birds do bathe even in the winter if the temperatures are mild).

Around the foundation of the house and next to my rock garden the sun melts the snow quickly and bare ground keeps appearing after every storm. Every time I am outdoors my eyes seem to seek out these spots to see if I can glimpse a blade of green. These are the first places that I usually look for crocuses in late April but this year I am already searching for them. Although I have clumps of crocus scattered around the house in areas where snow lingers I am still amazed how all the crocuses, including those that push up through the snow, are putting on a colorful show. I have saffron yellow crocuses that are barely an inch high that make a stunning buttery bouquet (not to be confused with the saffron crocus which cannot survive in Maine). Other colors around here include lavender, striped purple, violet and white goblet shaped blossoms. In addition I have the tall deep purple crocus with brightly colored stamens that bring out the tiny mud bees who live in the ground and swarm around all crocus blossoms (some are sweetly scented) but seem to prefer the deep purple crocus if given a choice. All are gathering pollen as they move from flower to flower. I have a special affection for these tiny bees that often land on my arms or tangle themselves in my hair who could sting but choose not to.

There is also something about the sight of crocuses blooming on barren or snow covered ground that seems almost miraculous - these diminutive flowers herald the approach of spring and color after months of bleak monochromatic gray and white with few evergreens for contrast (once the forests had an abundance of conifers but now the mountains around here are almost stripped bare). This year I am feeling impatient because of the mild weather, but I suspect that the crocuses will shoot their grass-like variegated spikes above ground at the usual time.

Crocuses are a genus of flowering plants grown from corms. Today they are native to the islands in the Aegean, Central Asia, China, central and southern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. They can grow from sea level to alpine tundra in woodland, scrub or tundra. Many of the 90 species are cultivated for their flowers including the saffron crocus or *Crocus sativus*. The precious saffron spice is obtained from the three deep orange stigmas inside the exquisite violet blue flower. From Crete the saffron crocus apparently spread to India by way of ancient trade routes. The first crocuses seen in the Netherlands were from corms brought back from Constantinople in the 1500's. From snow crocuses to giant Dutch crocuses, all just 2-4 inches tall,

the colors can range from pink, mauve, red, orange, yellow, purple and blue.

True crocuses can bloom in the spring, the fall, or even during the winter. The label "autumn crocus" can be confusing because there is a lily that looks similar to a crocus that also blooms in the fall and is called by the same name. However, it is easy to tell the difference between the two because true crocuses have three stamens and the small lilies have six. These small corms also naturalize so not only are they perennial but they also can spread into large clumps. Alas, squirrels dig and eat the corms as do voles (with both these rodent populations exploding it is a wonder that I have any crocuses at all). On the bright side deer and rabbits rarely bother these delicate flowers.

Crocus sativus is grown to harvest the precious saffron spice and was first documented in the Mediterranean, most notably on the islands of Crete and Santorini. Paintings showing the saffron crocus being gathered by young girls appear on Minoan Frescos on both of these islands. The *Crocus sativus* flowers that decorate wall frescos and clay vessels date back to 2000 BCE. There are detailed scenes of young girls picking these flowers on rocky hillsides in natural surroundings, and others that show a regular pattern of crocus plant clusters indicating that cultivation of this species was part of the agriculture practiced by the Greek Minoan culture.

Young girls harvested the saffron crocus flowers in the autumn. These flowers were considered to be sacred and the girls offered the crocuses to the goddess of vegetation. The frescos clearly depict the crocus as an essential symbol and flower used in ceremonies celebrating a girl's transition from childhood to womanhood.

Most folks at least vaguely familiar with the Greek myth of Persephone and Demeter know that in the fall Persephone was gathering crocuses (or some other flower like a poppy or narcissus) when Hades abducted her into the underworld. When she was returned to the upper world in the spring yellow crocus were said to have burst through the ground at her feet. (Because this abduction occurs in the fall it is probable that the flower Persephone picked really was the saffron crocus, *Crocus sativus*, rather than a narcissus or poppy because these latter two bloom in the spring or the summer respectively). Even Demeter, Persephone's mother heard the crocuses cry out "The Maiden is coming!" The pure yellow crocus was probably the wild Golden Crocus (*C. chrysanthus*) that is native to Greece. It blooms while the snow is still on the ground celebrating Persephone's return to the upper world and the coming of spring. Some mythologists believe that this story was created to explain the dying back of plants in the fall and their return in the spring.

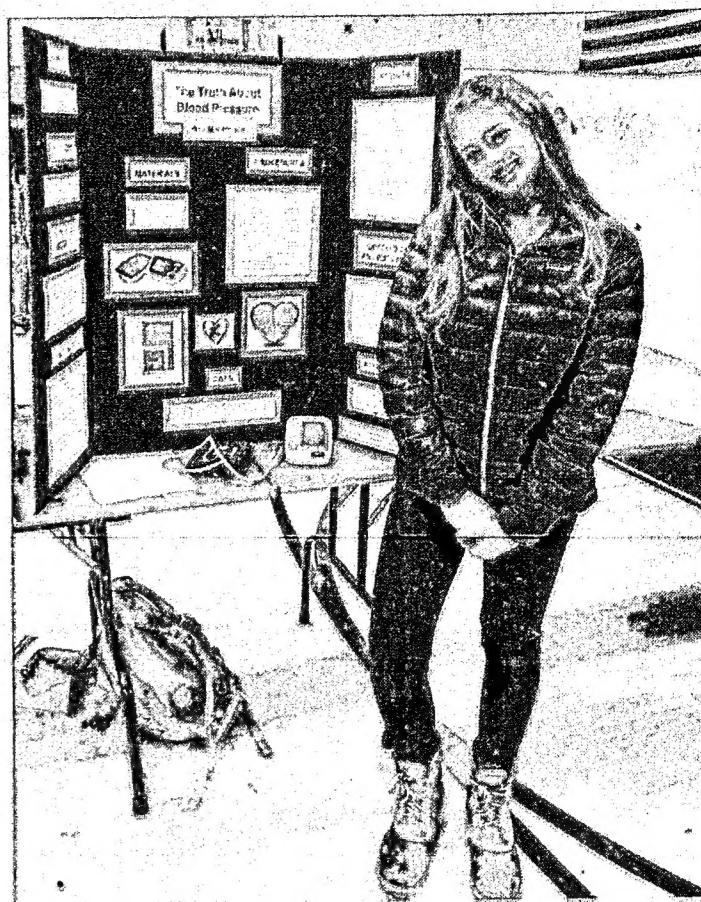
The crocus goddess had an important role in Crete; she was often identified as Aurora, the Goddess of the Dawn. This goddess was seen as the animating spirit of all life. Aurora harmonized the elements of fire and water. She was both first light and the early morning dew dwelling at the edge of dawn. A sprinkling of saffron on the ground invoked the protection of this goddess. From a mythological perspective the crocus was considered to be a sacred flower, and one associated with the changing seasons so it's no surprise that so many of us in the north look forward to the coming of the magical multi-colored crocus, her bees, and spring!

TMS Science Expo

Right: Ava Mastroianni with her project.

Below, from left: Isaac Greenberg, 4th grade CPS; Tess Fultz, 5th grade CPS; Corrine Nivus, 5th grade CPS; Dylan Greenberg, 7th grade TMS; Julius Woods 7th grade TMS. Absent: Utah Bean, 7th grade TMS; Eli Shifrin, 5th grade; Chelsea Duclos, 5th grade, Forest Pelittier, 5th grade.

Submitted photos



By Kate Slattery and Marie Keane

On March 15 the Telstar Middle School hosted a Science Expo. Elementary, middle and high school students presented science fair experiments, demonstrations or their science research. In addition, there were students from Mahosuc Kid's Association (MKA) Lego League and several organizations presenting their science. Many in the district community came to experience science! The vision is to offer students K-12 and community members a chance to showcase science demonstrations, how science works, and science fair experiments.

For the first time in many years, all middle school students did a science experiment. As students progress through their school years and participate at the science expo, they will be able to branch out and be involved with BioMimicry or a Rube Goldberg type challenge, create or improve an invention, or discover science for themselves.

The Bryant Pond 4H Camp presented potential and kinetic energy roller coaster and a buoyancy hands on buoyancy activity. Jim Chandler had a great display of fossils gathered from the areas in the east country. Holly from the Maine Mad Scientist offered a display of light and sight activities. The folks from Wildlife Encounters shared some intriguing

animals! Students from MKA's Lego League shared their Lego robots. Kristy Hanscom, a high schooler had several hands on activities to teach science concepts. Several students from Woodstock Elementary shared some whale research, dissolving eggshells experiment and food producing electricity.

All who came to the science expo were asked to vote for their top 3 science projects and the reason why they were nominated. The reasons varied, but referred to the presentation, the display, the scientific method, or uniqueness of the project. The Viewer's Choice winners are as follows:

8th grade:
1st Emily Fraser; 2nd Lucas Malley; 3rd Jaxen Call
7th grade
1st Ava Masteroini; 2nd Emallee Coffin; 3rd Meadow Wind
6th grade -
1st Lily Wind; 2nd Maddy Bean; 3rd Jake Chiasson; 3rd Maggie Black; 3rd Ben Godomsky (3-way tie)

We would like to thank the many folks who came to the science expo either as participants or viewers, the MKA for their support and the custodians for helping with logistics! Looking forward to next year's science expo with more students with their projects or demonstrations K-12.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 24

Basic Medicare Information; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A long-distance learning program presented by SeniorsPlus. Free with preregistration - call 1-800-427-1241.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Fourth Thursday Poetry; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library Public Room. Opening with light refreshments and moving on to share favorite poems. Come! Bring a friend and a poem. FMI: 364-3661).

Batman v Superman Exclusive; 7 p.m., The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. PG-13. \$8 general admission, \$6 kids and seniors.

Friday, March 25

Ecumenical Good Friday Service; 12 noon, Bethel United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Telstar Night; The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. \$10 for a movie, small popcorn and a drink (6-12 graders). Movie options: Batman v Superman at 7 p.m. or 10 Cloverfield Lane at 7:45 p.m. Both movies are PG-13.

Hope Association Fundraiser Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Rumford Eagles Club Function Hall. Music by Noel and Fawn. \$5 cover charge. Proceeds benefit the Hope Association.

Saturday, March 26

Texas Hold'em Tournament; 12 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.), Jackson-Silver Post 68 American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, high hand option, 50/50, meals and beverages available. BYOB. New, large flat-screen display for timer and blinds. FMI: Ray, Post Commander (890-3737).

Annual Easter Egg Hunt; 3 p.m., Waterford Library, Routes 35 and 37, Waterford. Bring your basket and get on the hunt for more than 500 eggs the Easter bunny had delivered to the library! The hunt is for area children elementary age and under accompanied by an adult.

Sisters of Skade Women's History Month Lecture and Panel Discussion; 4:30 p.m., Bethel Inn South Dining Room. Hosted by the Bethel Historical Society and Ski Museum of Maine.

Corned Beef Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 12 and under.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Playing old-fashioned dance music. Adults/\$5.

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunrise Service; 6:30 a.m., Waterford Town Beach, Waterford. Breakfast to follow at the North Waterford Church. All are welcome.

Easter Service; 10 a.m., North Waterford Congregational Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's Eatery. All are welcome.

Monday, March 28

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Wednesday, March 30

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Thursday, March 31

"Paper Tigers" Free Screening; 6 to 8:30 p.m., The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. Paper Tigers is a compelling new documentary that explores the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and captures the transformation of struggling teens as teachers use the latest developmental science and trauma-informed approaches to break the cycle of adversity in their lives. The film covers sensitive subject matter and may not be suitable for young children. Open to the public. Childcare provided. Discussion to follow. FMI: www.PaperTigersMovie.com.

April 2, 9, 30 and May 7

Finnish Language Classes; Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Marja-Leena Bailey will conduct the classes.

\$75 per person (\$40 for additional family members). Please make out your checks to Finnish American Heritage Society and send them to the FinnAm at PO Box 294, West Paris, Maine 04289. Please include your email address and/or phone number. Refer any questions to Dale Piirainen at 461-3795.

Saturday, April 2

Defensive Driving Class; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 133. This five-hour course will include discussion of collision avoidance techniques, safety issues, driver habits and attitudes and the basic elements that constantly challenge drivers on Maine's highways. The course format engages students with lectures, videos, and class discussion/participation. Those completing the course will receive a three-point credit on their driving record. This 5 hour class will help you develop better driving habits and insurance discounts are a possibility. \$40 per person. Instructor: Ed Naples. FMI: 824-2136.

Bottle Drive and Car Wash; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., SAD 44 Bus Garage. Bottles can be dropped off at the bus garage, or the softball team will come pick them up. Proceeds benefit the Telstar softball team. FMI: Jim Lunney (316-7960), Jen Merrill (357-7124), Fred Johnson (357-2892) or Donna Howard (357-5555).

Benefit Supper for THS Student Alexis Sing; 5 to 6:30 p.m., Jackson-Silver Post 68, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. This supper is to raise funds to help with medical bills for Alexis Sing, who is currently in the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. Alexis is a 15 year old freshman at Telstar, and was found in a diabetic coma on Jan. 16, 2016. Swelling around her brain has caused loss of functional use of her right side. She is undergoing rehabilitation at the Boston facility, with her family traveling back and forth to aid in her recovery. The benefit will be a spaghetti feed. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a Chinese ticket auction. Tickets will be available at the door, and the drawing for items for the auction will be held at 6:30. FMI: Sheryl Morgan (890-5903) or Ellie Newell (890-7846).

Sunday, April 3

Holy Humor Sunday; 9 a.m., Bethel United Methodist Church. Please bring your clean jokes to share.

April 4, 11, May 2 and 9

BANC Community Leadership Program; 4 to 7 p.m. Each of the four sessions will provide high-quality training from experts in the field and equip participants with important skills for serving on nonprofit boards, committees and other volunteer positions. Program fee: \$100 (scholarships are available). Each session will be held at a different location in the Bethel area. Registration deadline: March 28. FMI: Amy Scott (357-3189 or amyscott@bethelmainenonprofits.org).

Monday, April 4

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Discussion topic: What Makes Ideologies Dangerous? Moderator: Thomas Phillips. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Thursday, April 7

Social Hour; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Bring your own games or participate in the popular coloring fad. Coloring supplies will be provided. Cards and a cribbage board will be available. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served. Come and welcome spring by visiting with friends.

Fraud and Scams: How to Protect Yourself; 2 to 4 p.m., Andover Town Hall. A free workshop presented by SeniorsPlus. FMI: 1-800-427-1241.

Move it or Lose it; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. "Move it or Lose it," a lively audience participation program with different types and ways to exercise, will be presented by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC). Audience members will learn from local experts about the benefits of several different ways to exercise and will be invited to join the fun of trying these methods. Participants include: Betsey Foster, Tai Chi; Zumba for all ages, Patti Truman; and Chair Yoga with Karen Swanson. Dr. Catherine Swanson will add her thoughts on the importance of fitness. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of WMSC with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. Public invited. Free admission. Light refreshments. FMI call 824-2053.

Home Buyers' Workshop; 7 to 9 p.m., Telstar High School. This course is to help answer questions you may have regarding the home buying process. Joyce Pereira and Claire Carver of Mahosuc Realty and Shelley Kennagh from The Mortgage Network will host this course. We'll discuss the differences between customers and clients, outline home inspections and the role they play in the process, and cover some of the many lending programs available. We will highlight what to expect along the way to home ownership. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

NAMI Maine Family to Family Course; This is the first in a course series that will run each Thursday through June 23. It is FREE and is an educational program for families, friends and caregivers of persons living with mental illness. It is taught by NAMI trained teachers who also have lived experience with these mental diseases. FMI/Registration: namimaine.org or 1-800-464-5767.

Saturday, April 9

Smile Fund Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Proceeds benefit adults who need dentures and are seeking work. Items may be dropped off at the church any time after Easter (March 27). Contact Jane Chandler (357-3524) for more information.

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girls' State.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Topic: How to run a two-way queen system. Presented by: Paul Szott. Public is welcome. FMI: Christopher (cpeaston@megalink.net) or mainehoneybees.com.

Monday, April 11

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 12

Introduction to Self-Employment; 1 to 3 p.m., Telstar High School. This one session workshop will help you decide if self-employment is the right choice for you. The class covers entrepreneurship, the pros and cons of owning your own business, ways to manage risk, the major elements of a business plan, the important financial pieces, the important steps needed for start-up and the many resources available to help you succeed. Instructor: Karleen Andrews from New Ventures Maine. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Wednesday, April 13

Bethel Senior Citizens Luncheon/Meeting; 11 a.m., Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel. Menu: Teriyaki chicken or baked ham (\$13 per person). Reservations must be made before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Seating is limited.

Saturday, April 16

Hope Association Scrapbooking/Crafting Day; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. silent auctions, swap table, 50/50. Tables are \$30 each. Breakfast and a healthy lunch included. Dinner is on your own. Electricity and internet connections will be available. Please call Tammy Roberts at 364-4561 for registration form or for more information. Registration deadline is April 4, 2016.

April 22 and 23

Wilderness First Aid Course; at Mahosuc Mountain Lodge in Newry taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

April 22, 23 and 24

Wilderness First Responder Refresher and Open Recert Course; at Mahosuc Mountain Lodge in Newry taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

Monday, April 25

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 26

Medicare 101; 6 to 7:30, Telstar High School. New to Medicare? Already on Medicare? Going on Medicare in the near future? Learn the basics and timelines of this complex system, ways to save money and more. Instructor: Al Daniels from SeniorsPlus. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Saturday, May 14

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Table reservations: \$10/yard sale items, \$15/crafters and vendors, contact Jean (743-7965). The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.

Inaugural May Day 5k; 10 a.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Hosted by Bethel Rotary. Proceeds benefit local programs for youth and families.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovaneč

RIDDLE SEARCH – GET A JOB!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is a dog's favorite job?

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COOK
DENTIST
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ENGINEER
JANITOR
JUDGE
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NURSE
REPORTER
STONEMASON
SURGEON
TRAINER
TUTOR
USHER
WRITER

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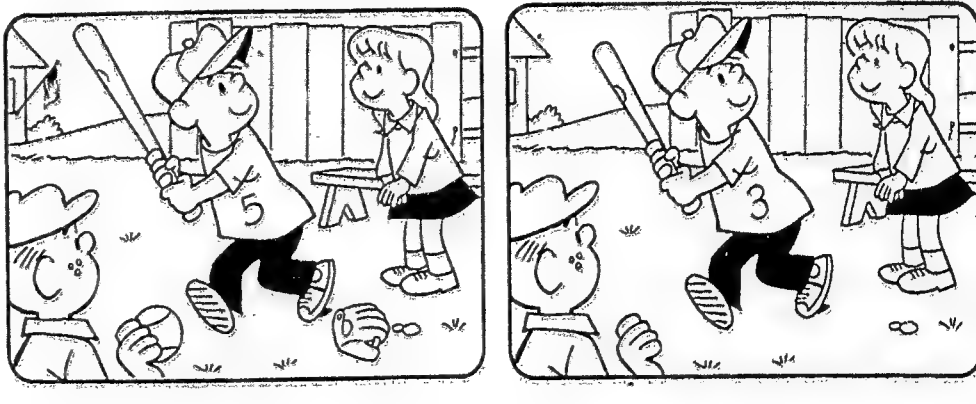
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TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Flag is missing. 2. Bat is shorter. 3. Baseball is missing.
4. Shift number is different. 5. Bench is shorter. 6. Glove is missing.

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CryptoQuip

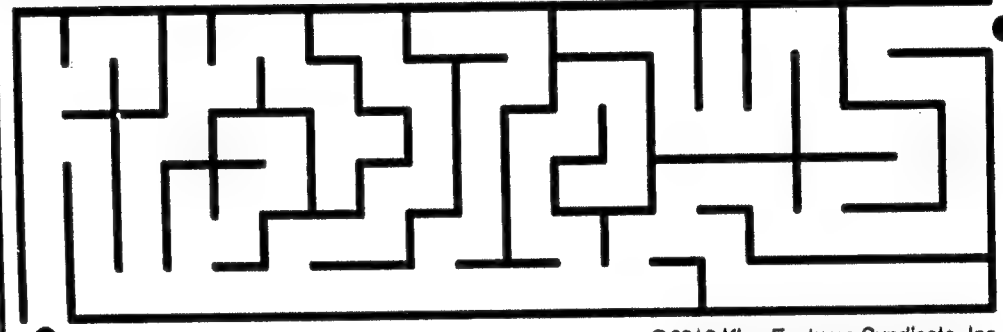
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals S

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Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

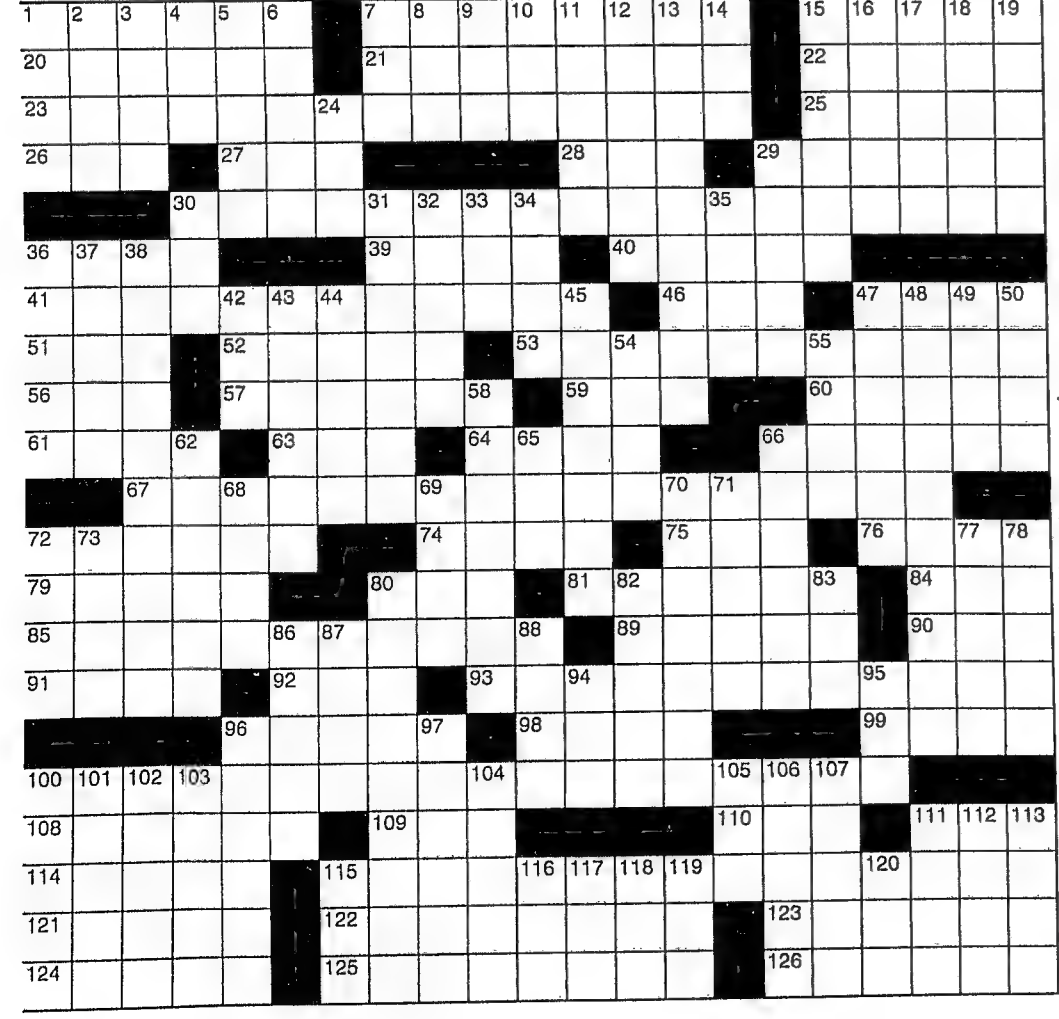
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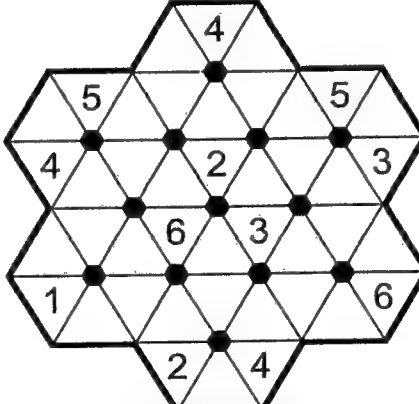
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92 Nimble deer
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98 One who
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"You Babe"



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	7		8	1		5
		9	2		4	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

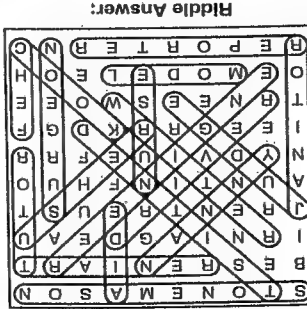
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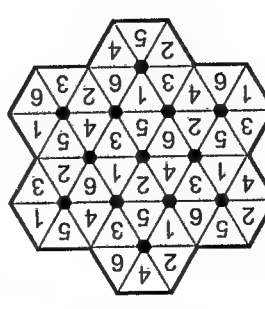


Kids' Maze Solution

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Today's Word
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1. Groan; 2. Corner;
Because the latter is
responsible for just two
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sometimes called a man of
few words.
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Being a ruff-ree.
Cryptoquip



Answer
Puzzles4Kids



solution
SNOWFLAKES

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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

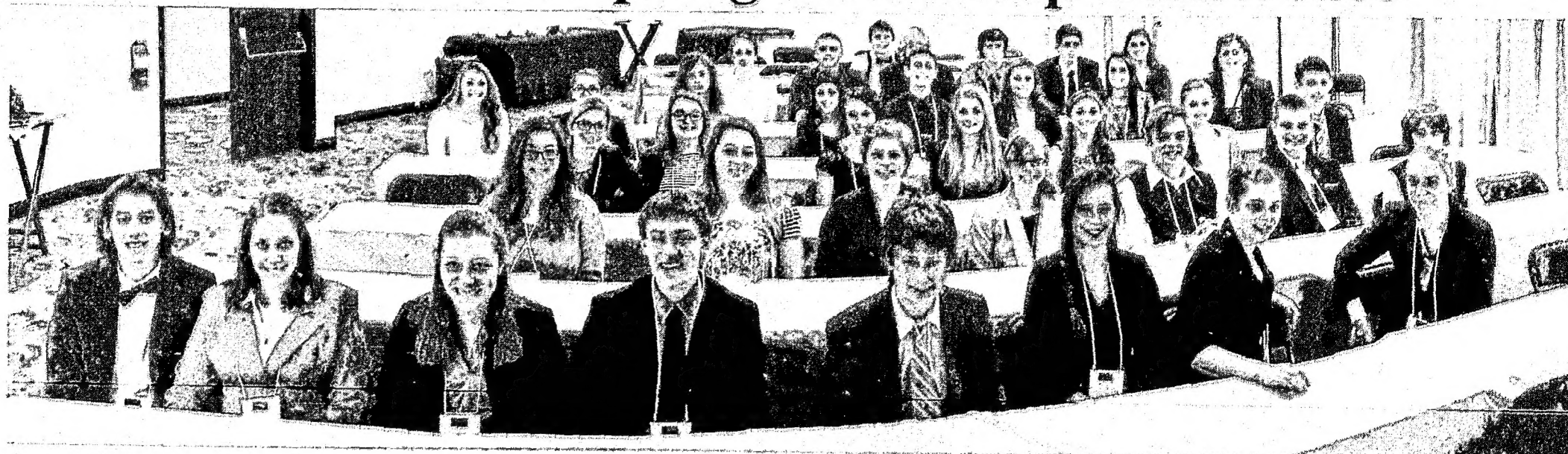
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Telstar FBLA Spring Leadership Conference



Front: Elijah Laird, Savannah Vermette, Cassidy Smith, Josh Elliot, Ricco Call, Marta Opie, Kaitlyn Brown, Carla Boyle-Wight. Second row: Nancy Huston Naomi Carr, Blair Stevens, Emily Hanscom, Christian Brown, John Walker, Gaelan Boyle-Wight. Third row: Sierra Ryerson, Mariah Millett, Rachel Barton, Lisa Gammon, Koley True, Emalee Harrington, James Newkirk. Fourth row: Brianna Vitale, Shylynn Buckman, Hakan Chartier, Emily Philbrick, Avry Griffin, Rebecca Howard, Olivia York, Jennifer Bennett (advisor). Back: Dharma Damon, Kellen True, Willis Steven, Caleb Wilday, Zach Stone, Aaron Vermette, Hayley Peterson.

Submitted photo

The Future Business Leaders of America from Telstar High School participated in the Maine State Leadership Conference in South Portland this past week. At the conference students took part in business related testing, business workshops, leadership sessions, electoral process, spirit activities, and had an amazing motivational speaker, Travis Roy, talking to them about the importance of making the most of life.

Our Telstar students presented a check of \$100 to Sarah's House of Maine (a hospitality house for cancer patients and their families). During this conference, many of the Telstar F.B.L.A. students received awards for business, communication, computer skill testing, and presentations:

Josh Elliot - 2nd in Business Calculations & 3rd in Chapter Activity Display

Cassidy Smith - 2nd in Database Design & Appli-

cation.

James Newkirk - 1st in Database Design & Application.

John Walker, Christian Brown, & Brianna Vitale - 3rd in Digital Video Production.

Savannah Vermette - 1st in Scrapbook.

Gaelan Boyle-Wight - 1st in FBLA Principles and Procedures and 2nd in Information Technology.

Blair Stevens - 2nd in Healthcare Administration.

Kellen True - 1st in Hospitality Management

Elijah Laird - 1st in Impromptu Speaking & 2nd in Word Processing & 3rd in Parliamentary Procedures.

Marta Opie - 1st in Intro to Business Communications and 1st in Business Procedures.

Koley True - 2nd in Parliamentary Procedures.

Emily Hanscom - 3rd in Public Speaking

Along with these trophies, Elijah Laird will

serve as Parliamentarian for the Maine State FBLA Board. This is a great opportunity to extend leadership skills, work as a cooperative team statewide, and earn scholarship money as well. The Chapter Advisor, Jennifer Bennett, a 16-year veteran advisor to this group, will also serve on the Maine State Advisory Board for the next school year.

Our special thanks goes out to Project Opportunity. Without their gener-

ous contribution this two-day leadership excursion would not have been possible. Project Opportunity is a wonderful asset to the students in this community and we highly encourage you to help them out with a donation during their annual appeal!

FBLA is always looking for volunteer opportunities. We are currently working on next year's program, so if anyone has a project in mind please contact Bennett at Telstar.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Coriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Linda Couture, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Rd, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136 or Juanita Korhonen Keene 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House Church - Bethel House Church meets the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Eucharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Timothy LeConey. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Communion first Sunday of the month. Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship - Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at

665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

RUMFORD

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club) 6 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies' Bible Study Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson. Saturday services: 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service. 25 Perkins Valley Rd., Bryant Pond 04219. FMI: www.woodstockchurch.com

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond.

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Committee	Number of Vacancies	Length of Term (Years)
Appeals Board	1	2
Bingham Forest Authority	1	2
Bingham Forest Authority	1	1
Conservation Commission	1	3
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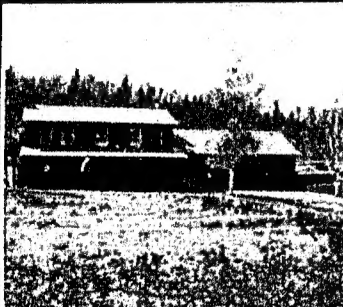
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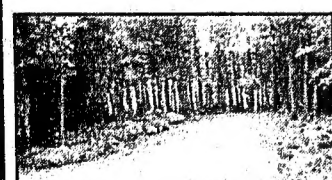
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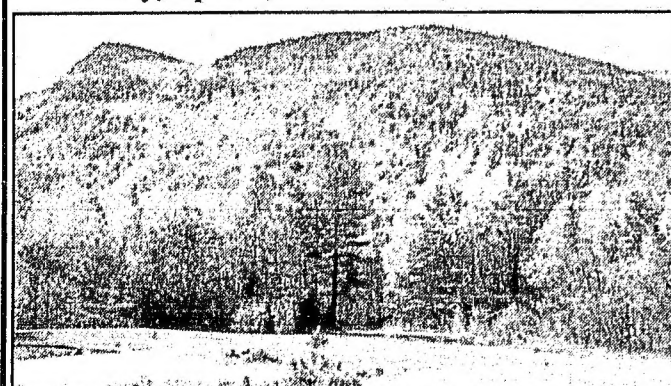
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Obituaries



MARY H. TULLY

Mary Heath Tully entered into eternal rest on March 18, 2016. She was born Nov. 17, 1935 in West Bethel. Mary graduated from Gould Academy in 1954 and attended Gosham State Teacher's College. She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Marblehead, Mass. She served as a docent at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass. She was also an enthusiastic member of The Beach Club and the Busy Bee Society.

She is survived by her son, Jack Heath and his wife, Patty; her daughter

Marjory Wentworth and her husband Peter; five grandchildren: Margaret and Emma Heath, Hunter, Oliver and Taylor Wentworth; her brother Joseph Kneeland and her sisters Jane Smith, Gloria Young and Suzanne Grover and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents Libby Goodridge Kneeland and Roland Merle Kneeland, her sister Beverly Morrell, her brothers Frederick and Reginald Kneeland, her first husband John Andrew Heath and her second husband Robert Michael Tully.

Mary Tully was blessed with many friends of all ages, from her youth in Bethel to her later years at Sandpiper Village in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Previously, she lived at Schooner Estates in Auburn where she made dozens of friends and organized a fashion show. Known for her generous spirit, she remained close to her friends on the North Shore of Boston, where she lived most of her adult life.

Mary's family would like to thank all her caregivers at Hospice of Charleston, Sandpiper Rehabilitation Center and East Cooper Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

A memorial service will be held in Marblehead, Mass. later this spring. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the J. Henry Stuhler, Inc. website at www.jhenrystuhler.com.



MARY BUTLER

Mary Butler, 74 of Union, passed away on March 21, 2016 at the Sussman House in Rockport. Mary was born March 19, 1942 in Bethel, Maine, the daughter of Paul Head and Olive Akers Head.

Mary graduated from Gould Academy in 1961. After high school she went to the seminary for one year in Bangor. While at the seminary she worked at local nursing homes. She met Howard and they married in 1964 in Bethel.

After Howard graduated they moved to Boston where she worked at a supermarket. They then moved back to Union after their first child was born. Mary then worked as a cook at a nursing home, which she still did until she became a caregiver for her in-laws.

Mary was an avid golfer, a choir director of the Peoples United Methodist Church, den mother for

the Cub Scouts, taught piano lessons, and served on a scholarship committee for high school students. She enjoyed annual trips to the Outer Banks of North Carolina and playing bridge with friends.

Mary is predeceased by her parents and brothers, John Head and Arthur Head.

Mary is survived by her husband, Howard of Union, daughter, Lisa Reibel and husband Michael of Waldoboro, son Matthew Butler of Owls Head, brother David Head and wife Fran of Bethel, grandchildren, Amanda Reibel of Bath and Meagan Grierson and husband Ryan of Waldoboro, also several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visiting hours will be Sunday, March 27, 2016 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Hall Funeral Home in Waldoboro. A celebration of Mary's life will be held at the Peoples United Methodist Church in Union at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's name to the Sussman House, 6 Glen Cove Drive, Rockport, Maine 04856.

You are invited to share your condolences with the family by visiting their Book of Memories at www.hallfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hall Funeral Home and Tribute Center, 949 Main Street, Waldoboro.

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By TOM REMINGTON

Wildlife Surveys and Public Meetings

Recently, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) published the results of a survey they had contracted to Responsive Management. The results of that survey are found by visiting the MDIFW website. Across the top menu bar, click on "Wildlife." Near the center of that page, click on "2016 Big Game Management Plan Update." In the far right-hand column there is a link to the "2016 Maine Big Game Public Survey Report (PDF)." (Yeah, I know. It's not easy to navigate.)

I'm not a huge fan of surveys because they are easily manipulated to give researchers desired results - much like polls, which all of us are probably sick of already in this election term. In this survey, you can read each question, exactly as it appeared to respondents. Decide for yourselves.

Everybody likes wildlife. Everybody likes to see wildlife. Therefore, it's important to become involved in efforts to conserve healthy populations of animals and plants in the wild. Here's your chance.

The survey tells Maine residents that over one-half of the general population is "extremely" interested in wildlife and nearly 80 percent enjoy seeing that wildlife on their property. Another 20 percent like wildlife on their property as long as it doesn't create problems.

Here's an example of one question and the results that made be giggle, mostly because the answers are self-perceptions of one's knowledge. The question asks if respondents "know a great deal or a moderate amount" about deer, bear, moose and turkeys. Depending on the species and the demographics of the respondents, anywhere from 44 percent to 95 percent of respondents know a great deal or a moderate amount about all four species.

Hunting, trapping and fishing are proven, viable tools to manage healthy populations of game animals. There are certain cascading effects that result from population controls. The Maine survey tells us that 85 percent of Maine residents "strongly support" legal hunting.

There are some other interesting results of this survey. Of the four Big Game species, deer, moose, bear and turkey, most hunters take their prey for the meat. It might surprise a few people to learn that hunting for a "trophy" is nearly non-existent within responses.

This survey is part of a larger plan that the MDIFW has in store. The Department is mandated to devise game management plans every 15 years. New plans are due this year and MDIFW decided to get as much of the public involved in the process. As a result, there are a series of public meetings and an opportunity to respond online beginning this month. Check the MDIFW website for a link to where you can respond.

The public meetings began at three separate locations. Please consider the MDIFW website for times, places and agendas.

Public meetings, controlled by government agents, are as misleading as polls and surveys. Keep this in mind when attending meetings or answering questions.

Managing wildlife is a scientific process. Listening to social demands and reacting by changing scientific management plans is problematic. However, the law states that wildlife is a resource of all the people and all people who want to become involved. Part of wildlife management is how much the people can tolerate.

For more on Maine's hunting, fishing, trapping and outdoor news, and other unusual tidbits of information, visit tomremington.com

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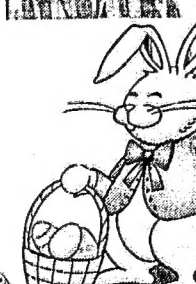
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